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## DAVIS CUP CHALLENGE ROUND

WILL BRITAIN REGAIN TROPHY  
LAST WON IN 1912?

FRENCH STAR ON THE WANE.

COCHET AND BOROTRA NOT THE  
MEN THAT THEY WERE

AUSTIN AND PERRY'S BIG CHANCE.

Paris, Yesterday.

The draw for Friday's play in the Challenge Round of the Davis Cup at Auteuil is as follows:—

H. W. Austin v. H. Cochet.

F. J. Perry v. J. Borotra.

Sunday's games are as follow:—

F. J. Perry v. H. Cochet.

H. W. Austin v. J. Borotra.

The teams for Saturday's doubles match will be announced later.—Reuter.

The Davis Cup for the proud possession of which France and Great Britain are battling at Auteuil to-day has been held by Britain five times, France four, Australia seven and America eleven times.

The Davis Cup tennis contest recalls the fact that the Davis Cup is not a cup at all—it is a bowl, which was presented for annual battle among the nations by Mr. Dwight F. Davis, now the Governor-General of the Philippines. Mr. Davis, who is 51 years of age, in his day was one of America's greatest tennis players. In 1899 he won the U.S. Inter-Collegiate Championship, and was one of the winners of the doubles championship. In both 1898 and 1899 he was runner-up in the singles championship of the U.S.A., and in 1899, 1900 and 1901 he won the doubles title with Holcombe Ward. He represented the U.S.A. against England in 1900 and 1902 and at Wimbledon in 1901 he won the All-Comers' Doubles with Holcombe Ward. Twenty years later, at Seabright, the pair defeated Woosnam and Turnbull, the British Davis Cup players.

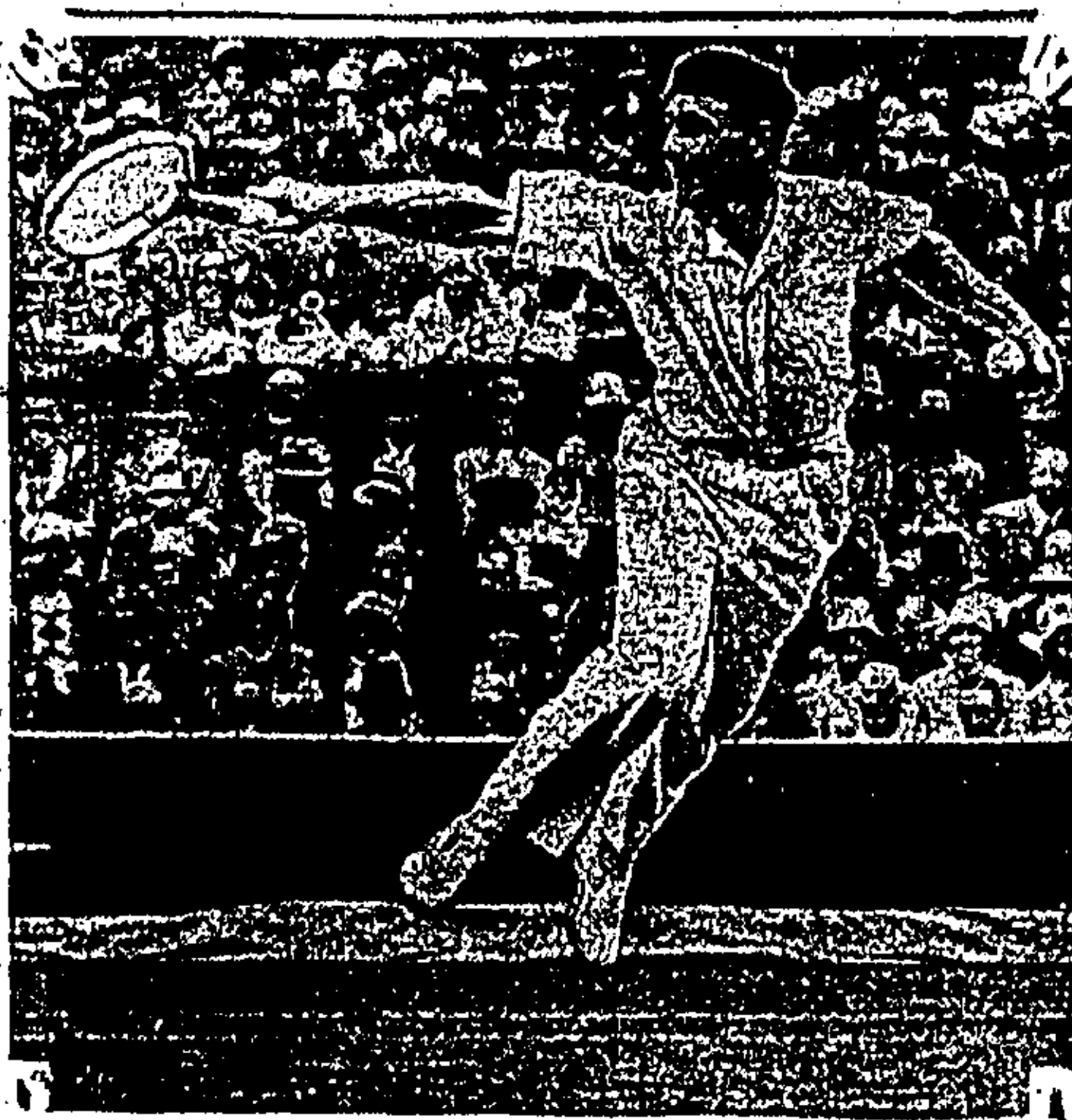
Holders' Secret.

In trying to discover France's Davis Cup secret, some of the critics have said that the French have a natural flair for lawn tennis, and that it is the happiest medium for the native spirit. They have said that only France could produce a "Bouncing Basque" or a Jean Borotra, forgetting that the impassive and phlegmatic Cochet does not exactly present the accepted picture of a volatile and excitable Frenchman.

France holds the Davis Cup because she has been so lucky as to produce a Cochet, a Brugnon, a Borotra, and a Lacoste, but who is coming on in France? Boussus and De Buzet have disappointed, and the champion nation sees her days numbered. She has for the

first time since 1927, when France defeated the United States, become worried concerning her ability to defend the title.

They are not nearly as powerful a combination as they were two years ago. Rene Lacoste is lost to the tri-colour forces; Henri Cochet has caused anxiety on ac-



Jean Borotra, the "bouncing Basque" and the most versatile player on the Continent.

count of his health; Jean Borotra and Jacques Brugnon, though still fine players are on the downward path.

As a result, and in spite of Cochet's poor condition, the Davis Cup team has been designated as Cochet, Jean Borotra, and probably Jacques Brugnon.

France's Position.  
The problem which has to be faced squarely is whether Cochet can carry France to victory after his winter's ill-

ness. His artistry is undimmed, and to his great skill is allied remarkable physique, but has he regained that fitness so essential to big match play. It is impossible to think of a tired Cochet. He performs feats of agility when necessary, but they do not move one to much enthusiasm; one takes it for granted that Cochet is there to perform prodigies. It is otherwise nowadays with Borotra. Here one applauds not merely feats of agility, but the triumph of an indomitable spirit over a flagging body. The will to win still burns, and if Cochet and he had to fight a lone fight for France their country's need would give Cochet that fury that easy years have not fostered, and would supply the necessary urge to a Borotra of thirty-three.

It is curious that Austin has never yet played Cochet. Cochet would have little to spare in a match between them, and unless he struck his most brilliant mood right from the beginning of the match an upset would be highly possible.

A bird's eye view of the players reflects:—

Henri Cochet.

Henri Cochet often tires of playing tennis, but no one ever tires of watching him. Every time this neat little man with the sturdy shoulders gives a lesson in the uncanny.

Much of his game is dexterous—slow, in the manner of a fisher-

## £1,000,000 DECREASE IN RECEIPTS.

Communication Co.'s  
Heavy Losses.

"DRASTIC MEASURES."

London, Yesterday.

A diminution in receipts approaching £1,000,000 is revealed in the annual report of the Imperial International Communications Limited for 1930. A profit of £326,248 represents a decrease at the rate of £830,000 per annum.

The directors declare that the communications services of the Empire cannot be indefinitely conducted at a loss, (on the basis of the present traffic as seems to be the probable outcome of the year 1931.) They have examined every possible remedy for this "disastrous situation," including raising the rates and closing down unprofitable routes and services. They conclude that nothing short of very drastic measures will permanently restore the health of the communications system.—Reuter.

## SOVIET DEBTS TO BRITAIN.

Henderson Interviews  
Ambassador.

FURTHER PARLEY ARRANGED.

Rugby, Yesterday.  
It is announced that the British Foreign Secretary had an interview with M. Sokolnikoff, Ambassador of the U.S.S.R., to-day, when the Anglo-Soviet debt question was discussed. Mr. Henderson will have another interview with him to-morrow.—British Wireless Service.

## BRITISH OFFICERS STABBED.

Cowardly Attack in  
Sleeping Car.

ONE SUCCUMBS.

Banaras, Yesterday.  
Two British Lieutenants, G. R. Hext (of the Eighth Punjab) and E. M. Sheehan (of the Royal Artillery), were stabbed in a sleeping car in a Punjab mail train by unknown assailants who are believed subsequently to have escaped in the jungle.

Lt. Hext succumbed to his injuries, but Lt. Sheehan is out of danger.—Reuter.

## CHINESE IN CUBA TO BE REPATRIATED.

Two Thousand to Return  
to China.

ECONOMIC STRESS.

Havana, Yesterday.  
Two thousand Chinese in Cuba will be returned to China in the next two months, according to officials at the Chinese Legation, because they are suffering from economic difficulties. The Legation is paying the passages of those desiring to be repatriated.—Reuter's American Service.

winter how wrong was his Mark I. delivery. So while in India he perfected a Mark II, much faster and better controlled than the old one.

For the rest, he is the same player of the classical kind as before, apt at times to let his game go, was and is less, but always producing his ground shots impeccably and with acute low-volleying powers. His backhand is probably the best current illustration of how it ought to be done. At times, as in his Davis Cup loss against the Japanese, he shows signs of "burning" fever of his smash.

His physique in long matches still displays signs of strain, but he came to a trial even in his most recent fatigue.—Bruce Harris.

C. Boussus.  
Boussus, the greatest left-hander in the world, is a Frenchman. He is a former champion of the world in 1926 when he

## STABILITY SECURED

RESULTS OF THE  
NEGOTIATIONS.

MAJOR PROBLEM

HOOVER PRAISES  
THE CONFERENCE.

Washington, Yesterday.  
"The London Conference has laid a sound foundation for the establishment of stability in Germany," declared President Hoover, commenting on the results of the negotiations, and added:—

"The Conference supplements the suspension of inter-Governmental debts already agreed to and the combined effect should enable the Germans with their resources of industry and courage to overcome their temporary difficulties and to restore their credits. The major problem is one primarily affecting banking credit conditions and can best be solved by voluntary co-operation among bankers of the world rather than by Governments, with their conflicting interests. Such a basis of co-operation is assured."

President Hoover added that the decisions of the Conference

FAIR.

The Royal Observatory's weather report to-day states: A depression is shown S.E. of Shanghai, moving E.

Forecast:—S.W. winds, moderate to light; fair.

Rainfall.  
Rainfall for 24 hours ended at 10 a.m. to-day: nil. Total since January 1—45.06 inches against an average of 48.40 inches—deficit 3.37 inches.

Temperature.  
The temperature at certain specified centres this morning at 6 o'clock was:—  
Hong Kong ..... 82  
Macao ..... 79  
Pratas Island ..... 76  
Manila ..... 76  
Poochow ..... 81  
Chefoo ..... 70  
Shanghai ..... 76

would contribute to the economic recovery of the world and paid tribute to the Conference delegates for their "fine spirit of conciliation."

President Hoover also telegraphed his congratulations to Mr. Stimson and Mr. Mellon.—Reuter's American Service.

A Few Palliatives.

London, To-day.  
The "bird in the hand" theory does not dominate the London Conference conclusions for, instead of colossal loans negotiated in the background of a possibility of a future Young Plan revision, as mooted a few weeks ago, the Germans will take back just sufficient "palliatives" to stave off immediate disaster plus an assurance that the Franco-German clouds have perceptibly lifted and that America is again taking an active interest in European troubles.

The London newspapers are in no way convinced that the crisis has been more than postponed.—Reuter.

Encouraging Spirit.

Rugby, Yesterday.  
The King and Queen gave a garden party at Buckingham Palace this afternoon. There were 10,000 guests and invitations had been specially issued to the Foreign Representatives attending the Seven-Power Conference, with several of whom His Majesty conversed.

The Seven-Power Conference terminated to-day with an agreement on the measures to be immediately taken for the purpose of restoring confidence in Germany's financial situation. The speeches indicated the "encouraging" spirit in which all the Powers represented are willing to co-operate for this purpose. A communiqué transmitted in full after declaring that the lack of confidence which caused the recent excessive withdrawals was unjustified by the economic and budgetary situation in Germany, outlined the measures which the

## BOMBARDMENT OF SPANISH REBELS.

Buildings Heavily  
Shelled by Authorities.

SALUTARY LESSON.

Seville, Yesterday.

In pursuance of a policy of ruthless suppression of the syndicalists' guerrilla warfare the military to-day indulged in "a peaceful bombardment," shelling the buildings from which syndicalists yesterday sniped at the Police. A previous warning enabled the neighbouring inhabitants to take refuge at a distance whence (under cover of machine guns, because the authorities are taking no risks), they watched the work of destruction. The salutary lesson of heavy artillery was further emphasised by military aeroplanes roaring low overhead.—Reuter.

## THEFT FROM SING SONG GIRL.

Jail and Birch for a  
Seafarer.

STOLE A NECKLACE.

Sentence of six months' hard labour with 15 strokes of the birch was passed on a Chinese seafarer who pleaded guilty before Mr. W. Schofield in the Central Police Court this morning to the theft of a gold necklace and a jade pendant from Chan Yim-to, a sing-song girl.

Det-Sergt. Kinnear stated that the incident occurred in Hill Road at 11 o'clock last night. The girl was walking with an amah at the time.

Accused admitted a previous conviction three years ago for a similar offence.

the financial institutions in their respective countries in order to relieve the immediate situation.

Concerted Measures.  
These were, firstly, the renewal for three months of the Central Bank credit of \$100,000,000 to the Reichsbank granted under the auspices of the Bank of International Settlements, and secondly, concerted measures by the National Banks to maintain Germany's present credits.

A committee of bankers will inquire into the future credit of Germany, and study the question of converting part of her short-term credits into long term credits. A conference also expressed the opinion that the joint guarantee recently placed by German industry at the disposal of the gold discount bank was of a kind which should make possible the provision of a sound basis for the resumption of normal operations of international credit. The communiqué added: "The Conference considers that if these measures are carried through they will form the basis for more permanent action to follow."

A Year's Suspension.

The Committee of experts which assembled in London last week under the Chairmanship of Sir Frederick Leith Ross, on the Treasury, is on the decision of the conference to proceed with the elaboration of details for giving effect to the Hoover Plan of one year's suspension of inter-Governmental debts. They will meet to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock at the Treasury.

At the conclusion of the Conference the French Minister, M. Laval, after expressing thanks to the President of the Conference, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, and to the British Government, which were renewed in turn by Mr. Stimson, Dr. Brüning, and other delegates, said that he wished to tell the United States representatives how much they appreciated the mixture of powerful idealism and practical sense with which they had joined in an attempt to put an end to the instability and insecurity of the European economic system.

He added that "the historic and inspiring event which has just taken place at Paris—the meeting of French and German Ministers—will give the London Conference special force and importance."

World Security.  
In the presence of representatives of the assembled Govern-

## THORBURN MYSTERY CASE.

Britain to Insist on  
Satisfaction.

CONSERVATIVES' ATTITUDE.

London, Yesterday.  
The interest of members of the House of Commons in the case of Mr. Thorburn is indicated by the fact that further questions will be put to Mr. Arthur Henderson on Monday.

The line taken by Conservatives in the case illustrates the dangers of relinquishing extrajudicial or any measure which would place Europeans under Chinese authority. The firm line indicated by the replies on July 22, is welcomed and every possible step will be taken to keep the question in active being until it is settled satisfactorily.—Reuter.

Full Inquiry?

Commenting a week ago on the case the Shanghai Times stated: "Whatever else the Chinese may say in regard to the rising tide of agitation for the immediate clearing up of the Thorburn mystery, they cannot charge the British with any lack of patience. John Thorburn, nineteen-year-old son of a Shanghai resident, disappeared in the vicinity of Soochow about the second or third day of June, he having left his home on the first day of that month. His father tells us that he immediately informed the authorities that his son was missing, and the Chinese officials were notified, the lad's father actually going to Nanking to apprise the Government of all the facts he knew. British Consular investigations proved to the satisfaction of the inquiries that the Chinese military authorities at Soochow were keeping back information. Nevertheless, sufficient evidence was collected at different points between Shanghai and Soochow to suggest to the British authorities that not only was the missing youth probably being kept a prisoner by the Soochow military, but also that he had probably been badly ill-treated during his captivity."

Law to Themselves.

Efforts were made by the British Minister and the Consular officers to get the Nanking Government to produce Thorburn, but a British official statement published in these columns on June 21 stated that "The military are a law to themselves and all that we have been able to obtain so far is an absolute denial that any foreigner at all has been arrested. Ever since the shooting incident occurred every effort has been made by the military police to stifle the case." This shooting incident was reported in the Chinese press on June 8, and was to the effect that a foreigner wounded two police on the railway line when challenged, and made his escape in the dark, but that a Russian was arrested the following day on suspicion and was sent to the headquarters of the military police. To many minds it seems fairly clear that this prisoner was John Thorburn, in fact the Consular statement says: "The coincidence in dates struck the Consular authorities as curious, and immediately a foreigner with a Chinese interpreter was requested to proceed to Quinsan to make inquiries. The result of these inquiries left little doubt that the foreigner who had been arrested, whatever his connection with the shooting may have been, was Thorburn." But the Chinese still refused to admit that any foreigner had been arrested.

Extrajudicial Procedure.

Upon this the British Consular authorities here communicated with Sir Miles Lampson requesting the institution of a commission of inquiry. Instead of forming a commission the Chinese Minister of Foreign Affairs deputed a representative of his Ministry to go to Soochow with a representative of the Chinese Ministry of War to make investigations. Mr. Frank Aveling, representative of the British Minister, was refused participation in this inquiry, the result of which has not yet been communicated to the British authorities. Meanwhile, it is believed that the foreign prisoner, in the hands of the Chinese military at Soochow, was removed at least some miles from the place in which he had been confined. It is not an unfair inference that this was done to prevent the

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#### A WHOLE WEEK'S NEWSPAPERS IN ONE.

At a meeting of the Legislative Council, the sum of over \$2,500,000 was voted for appropriation to various public works in the Colony, to be incurred in 1931, and met out of a subsequent public loan. In the meantime the amount is to be advanced from the Colony's surplus funds. In the discussion regarding these and other items Unofficial members of the Council expressed the hope that no further burden of taxation would be imposed on the Colony. H.E. the Governor trusted that such a course would not be necessary, as the Colony's finances could be considered satisfactory. A complete report appears in the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

A Filipino who ran amok on the steamship Empress of Canada, on the high seas, on June 5, killing two, and wounding over twenty others, was found "Insane" by the jury at the Assizes. Prisoner did not plead in answer to the charge of murder, the jury being empanelled to find whether he was in a fit condition to do so. The OVERLAND CHINA MAIL contains a full report.

The OVERLAND CHINA MAIL also reproduces an unvarnished version, from an independent source, of the trouble between Koreans and Chinese in the Changchun area. This exclusive story traces the trouble from its onset, and is of unusual interest at the present moment.

A case of considerable local interest was heard at the Magistracy during the week, when the Chinese Athletic Association faced charges of permitting their Club premises to be used as a common gaming house. Interesting evidence of the seizure of tickets alleged to be in connection with a lottery was given. The hearing is fully covered in the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

Five years' hard labour was the sentence upon a Chinese man and woman charged with child stealing at the Assizes. Full particulars appear in the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

Local Sport features, including lawn tennis, lawn bowls, and swimming, are also comprehensively dealt with by the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL staff.

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### ROUND THE LOCAL CINEMAS.

#### What Mail Reviewers Say.

##### "DANCING SWEETIES."

Sue Carol makes another welcome appearance at the Star Theatre this week, supported by Grant Withers, in a light attraction, "Dancing Sweeties."

The story is not a new one by any means, but the admirable acting and dialogue make one forget the staleness of the theme. The story starts in Hoffman's Parisian Dance Palace, which is the venue of many dance contests, where the "shiks" of the town gather to outdo each other in the art of dancing.

The trouble starts when Bill (Grant Withers) pinches his friend's new partner Molly (Sue Carol) and wins the complete furnished house, which is the prize for this particular evening. Weddings, sick fathers, radio announcements, and more dance contests all go to bring about the inevitable happy ending.

A Charley Chase comedy entitled "The Big Squawk" is an added attraction and provides some good fun. In addition there are an interesting Newsreel and a musical item.

#### From Other Sources.

##### "SKIPPIY."

The engaging young man who has figured in Percy Crosby's comic-strip has come to life in a picture bearing his own name, and "Skippiy," the film now showing at the King's Theatre, has a record of signal successes behind it. While it is Jackie Cooper who plays the part of Skippiy, referred to by George Ade as "my favourite desperado," in a most appealing way, he is well supported by other clever child actors Jackie Coogan's young brother Robert, as well as Jackie Seal, does extremely good work, and Mitzi Green, as the ever-present girl in the case, is almost adult in her acting. This, of course, is not what makes the children deserve the sympathetic attention which they receive. They appear to live through the picture as though the incidents were really happening.

In contrast with the unstudied aspect presented by the children, the grown-up actors really suffer a little, though they succeed in giving the impression of adults as seen through the eyes of children. The story is largely concerned with small boys and dogs. Skippiy's friend Shanty Town, loses his dog, in spite of their combined efforts to raise the price of a licence. Both boys have decided life is not worth living, grown-ups being so lacking in understanding, and Skippiy pays a visit to Shanty Town with Sooky. This young person has a new dog to display, a Boston bull complete with collar and papers "That tell who his father and mother is and who their father and mother is." This calls forth the priceless line from Skippiy, "They're all dogs, ain't they?"

People who want to can find excellent child psychology set forth in the production; all the others, by far the greater number, will share the joys and woes of Skippiy and Sooky and the rest without objecting too strongly to the display of precocity which the public demands of child actors.

##### "ONCE A SINNER"

No more poignant, human, dynamic drama has come to the screen in years than is embodied in "Once a Sinner," the Fox Movietone production directed by Guthrie McClintic, which is now showing at the Central Theatre.

Dorothy Mackall is featured and the story revolves around a beautiful girl who insists on telling her husband-to-be of her past before she marries him.

By a strange turn of Fate, later, with the young husband's invention

perfect-d, the money to finance it comes on a corporation headed by "the other man."

Eventually doubt and suspicion enter the mind of the young husband, and he demands the name of the other man which the young wife refuses to tell, knowing that to do so would mean the husband's refusal of the financial assistance which he so much needs.

That brings a tremendous series of scenes, with the young wife insisting that her past belongs to her and her alone.

It is tremendous domestic drama, finely enacted by one of the most meritorious and best balanced casts seen for a long time, with Miss Mackall superb and having abundant support from such notable players as Joel McCrea, who plays the young inventor husband; John Halliday, "the other man" in her life; C. Henry Gordon, as the owner of a string of gambling places in Paris; Sally Blane, Ilka Chase and Ninette Fero.

##### "LIGHTNIN'"

Lake Tahoe, frequently referred to as Nature's chosen beauty spot, lies serene and placid more than 6,000 feet above the level of the sea like a jewel in a setting of rare beauty. No other spot in America has been endowed with such amazingly picturesque back-grounds.

This California locality was chosen by Fox Movietone executives for "Lightnin'," Will Rogers's third all talking picture which comes to the King's Theatre next Sunday.

"Lightnin'" was adapted from John Golden's highly successful stage play, and Rogers portrays the role of "Bill Jones," the kindly, lovable old chap who dislikes work and loves his liquor and who, when his tongue is loosened, tells the most outrageous lies imaginable, his favourite topic being the Spanish-American war in which he fought and advised Teddy Roosevelt.

This role is said to afford the internationally famous wit and humorist greater opportunities for whimsicalities than did either "They Had To See Paris" or "So This Is London," both tremendous Fox Movietone successes.

Louise Dresser, well remembered for her mother role in "Mother Knows Best" and other screen roles, enacts the role of Rogers's wife in this picture directed by Henry King.

A large and competent cast supports the principals. Some of the favourites are Joel McCrea, Helen Cohan, Sharon Lynn, J. M. Kerrigan, Luke Cosgrave, Ruth Warren, Joyce Compton, Walter Percival, Frank Campeau, Rex Bell, Goodee Montgomery, and Roxanne Curtis.

##### "LORD RICHARD IN THE PANTRY."

Do you realise that a man of extreme aristocratic actions is in other people's eyes a clown? If you do not believe in this, you had better go and see it for yourself in "Lord Richard in the Pantry," the farce-provoking British production which is coming to the Central Theatre on Sunday.

Lord Richard, acted by Richard Cooper, the foremost British comedian who has stormed London with laughter, is an aristocrat to the very extreme. He uses seven kinds of bath-soaps in a week, and prefers a particular one each day round and again. He listens to telephone messages and receives guests in his bath-tub.

He is an absent-minded Peer, and in his excitement he searches for certain mislaid documents of importance and forgets to don his garments. When he is still busily searching, the ladies who have bought his home arrive. He is fortunate enough to possess a butler of no small standing, who successfully screens his scantiness from the curious feminine eyes.

Added to his misfortunes are a fluttering heart, and a need for a guiding hand homewards, whenever he dines abroad.

As a chairman of a company interested in the development of a new seaside resort he has presumably issued a prospectus visualising a future super-Brighton, but

actually develops into nothing but marsh.

To escape angry shareholders he seeks disguise. After shaving his moustache, adding side face ornaments, and getting into a butler's suit, he goes to his old home, sees his old butler, and successfully applies for a position as a butler from the girl who has bought over his house.

Thinking that he has bluffed the girl in disguise, he tries to handle his situation with his utmost ability, but creating many a laugh-ter to the mistress he can only handle the situation as only an amateur could, and incidentally falls for female servants, burly hooligans, sparkling jewels, and deals magnificently with the combination offer from the lady.

His honesty and so-called bravery at last win the heart of the lady, and the many thrills to follow are too funny to be described.

##### "CITY LIGHTS."

Spaghetti, with a side order of scrambled eggs and sausages, will undoubtedly become a very popular dish after the initial showing of Charlie Chaplin's long awaited non-dialogue motion picture production, "City Lights," which will return to the Queen's Theatre on Sunday.

Not that spaghetti and scrambled eggs and sausages have not already won popular favour, but it is the Chaplin treatment of these universally consumed edibles that is bound to stimulate new appetites.

It is recalled that when Charlie Chaplin visited his native London in 1921 the stewed eel occupied a warm spot in the table fare of most Britons. Yet when the comedian indulged in the same stewed eel but with an added personal touch, the event becoming public knowledge, more eels found their way to the skillet in the brief period of a week than in the history of that city's catfodm.

In "City Lights" Chaplin takes his spaghetti oozing in olive oil—not because of any particular flavour that is produced but for the purpose of adding enjoyment and ease in the consumption. It is difficult to describe properly just what happens, because words are inadequate to fit the pantomime of the subject.

##### 9-10.30 p.m.—From the Studio—European Studio Concert.

###### Programme.

Songs—  
a. From the Land of the Sky Blue Water (Cadmán),  
b. I Hear a Thrush at Eve (Cadmán),  
Mrs. R. Sanger (Soprano) accompanied by Mr. George Grimble.

Songs—  
a. Il Pescatore Canta (Tosti),  
b. Mattinata (Leoncavallo),  
Mr. Li Chor-chi (Tenor) accompanied by Mr. George Grimble.

Pianoforte Duet—  
Two Spanish Dances (Moszkowski),  
Mrs. Shand & Miss Luba Pecker.

Songs—  
a. My Dear Soul (Sanderson),  
b. Vale (Russell),  
Mrs. H. L. Lockhart (Contralto) accompanied by Mr. George Grimble.

Vocal Quartet—  
a. Rest Dear Rest (F. Kucken),  
b. Softly Fall the Shades of Evening (J. L. Hatten),  
The "Four B's" unaccompanied.

Songs—  
a. Sylvia (Oley Speaks),  
b. At Dawning (Cadmán),  
Mrs. R. Sanger (Soprano) accompanied by Mr. George Grimble.

Songs—  
a. "La Maison Grise" (Messager),  
b. "Obstinata" (de Pontenailles),  
Mr. Li Chor-chi (Tenor) accompanied by Mr. George Grimble.

Pianoforte Duet—  
Two Hungarian Dances (Brahms),  
Mrs. Shand & Miss Luba Pecker.

Songs—  
a. I Love You Truly (Carrie Jacobs-Bond),  
b. Just a Wearin' for You (Carrie Jacobs-Bond),  
Mrs. H. L. Lockhart (Contralto) accompanied by Mr. George Grimble.

Vocal Quartet—  
a. Bonnie Charlie (Arr. R. Baldwin),  
b. Land of the Leal (Arr. R. Baldwin),  
The "Four B's" unaccompanied.  
10.35 p.m.—Close Down.

### RADIO

#### TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 365 metres:

5-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.

7-10.30 p.m.—European Programme of Columbia Records kindly supplied by the Anderson Music Co.

7.05-7.31 p.m.—Band Music.

The Thistle (Myddleton),  
The Regimental Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards (9102).

The Rose—English Selection (arr. Myddleton),  
The Regimental Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards (9221).

The Shamrock—Irish Selection (arr. Myddleton),  
The Regimental Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards (9240).

7.31-8 p.m.—Variety.  
Vocal Duet—  
Lido Lady—Here in My Arms, Phyllis Dare & Jack Hulbert (4226).

Trío—  
Dreamy Rocky Mountain Moon, Roy Smeek Hawaiian Trio (2391-D).

Song—  
Would You Like to Take a Walk, Greta Keller—(Contralto)—(MR319).

Song—  
Here Comes the Sun, Billy Elliott (Baritone) (MR284).

Xylophone Solo—Minuet, Marimba Solo—Aloha Oe, Rudy Starita (4782).

Vocal Duet—  
Mercenary Mary—I'm a Little Bit Fonder of You, Peggy O'Neil and A. W. Baskcomb.

Song—  
Mercenary Mary—They Still Look Good to Me, Low Hearn & Chorus (3808).

8 p.m.—Local Time & Weather Report.

8.05-8.25 p.m.—Operatic.

Octet—  
Maritana—Scenes That are Brightest (Wallace arr. Sear), J. H. Squire Celeste, Octet (9107).

Song—  
Il Trovatore—D'Amor Sull' Ali Rosee (Verdi),  
Eva Turner, Soprano (L2156).

Cello Solo—  
The Meistersingers—Prize Song (Wagner arr. Squire),  
W. H. Squire (L2186).

Vocal Trio—  
Rigoletto—Prelude and Duke's Song (Verdi),  
Maria Gentile, Alessandro Granda & Carlo Galfi (L2310).

8.25-9 p.m.—Instrumental.

Organ Solo—  
At the Temple Gates (Sellers),  
Catty Sellers (DB392).

Piano Solo—  
Gnomenreigen (Liszt),  
Waldeinsuchen (Liszt),  
Left Poushnoff (2053D).

Violin Solo—  
Liebesleid (Kreisler),  
Zapatendo (Sarasate),  
Efrém Zimbalist (9850).

Octet—  
Baby's Sweetheart (Corri),  
Chanson (In Love) (Frém),  
J. H. Squire Celeste, Octet (3897).

Cello Solo—  
Saut D'Amour (Elgar),  
Handel's "Largo" (Handel),  
Giuseppe Di Silva (1478R).

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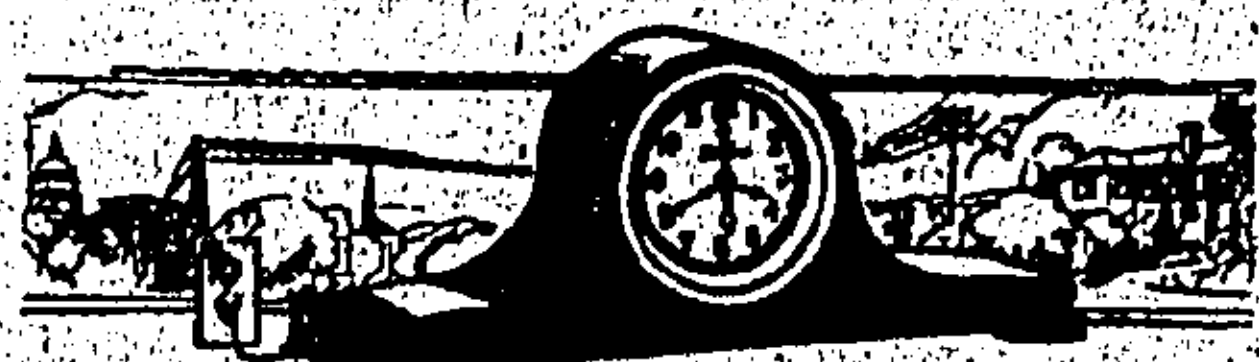
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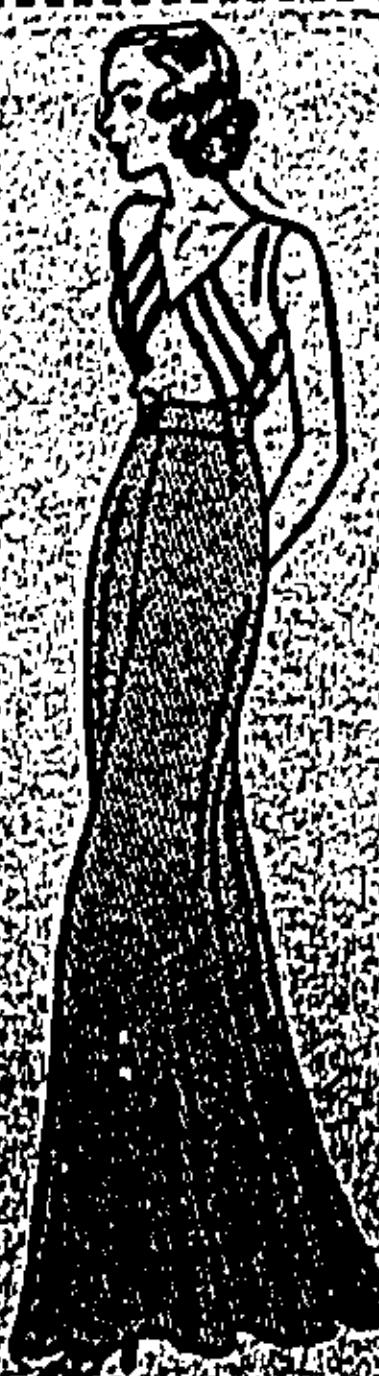
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## CURRENT SPORTING GOSSIP

### CHINESE R.C. AGAIN SUCCESSFUL.

Defeat I.R.C. in "B" Division.

#### TENNIS LEAGUE RESULTS.

The Chinese R.C., playing at home, defeated the Indian R.C. by 6½ sets to 2½ in the "B" Division of the Lawn Tennis League yesterday.

Scores:—  
Ho Ka-lau and Yew Man-Kit (C.R.C.)—  
beat A. A. Rumjahn and A. H. Madar 6-0  
beat A. R. Minu and S. A. Ismail 6-4  
beat O. Ismail and F. D. Pereira 6-3

Chiu Chun-chiu and W. C. Hung (C.R.C.)—  
beat A. A. Rumjahn and A. H. Madar 6-1  
beat A. R. Minu and S. A. Ismail 6-6  
beat O. Ismail and F. D. Pereira 6-2

Iu Tak-cheuk and Mow Yuk-kwan (C.R.C.)—  
lost to A. A. Rumjahn and A. H. Madar 3-6  
lost to A. R. Minu and S. A. Ismail 3-6  
beat O. Ismail and F. D. Pereira 6-2

#### League Table to Date.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Recreio	9	7	0	2	49	20	14
Indian R.C.	9	5	1	3	43½	37½	11
C.S.C.C.	9	5	1	3	38½	43½	11
University	9	5	1	3	37	24	11
Chinese R.C.	6	6	0	0	41½	10	12
H.K.C.C.	8	4	1	3	34½	34½	9
C.C.C.	8	4	0	4	32	22	8
Army T.C.	7	3	0	4	28	32	6
Kowloon C.C.	2	0	6	26	46	4	0
M.B.K.	6	1	0	5	12	39	2
S.C.A.A.	7	1	0	6	21½	41½	2
Nippon C.C.	8	0	2	6	24	47	2

#### "C" DIVISION.

Playing at Pokfulam yesterday, the 'Graduates' Association defeated the Radio Sports Club in "C" Division of the Lawn Tennis League by 8 sets to 1.

Scores:—  
Dr. Samy and Dr. Gutierrez (G.A.)—  
beat Wm. Chanson and C. L. Lau 6-2  
beat Wm. Wu and C. N. Tsang 6-3  
beat W. Abbas and Y. T. Mann 6-1

Dr. Sepher and H. N. Chung (G.A.)—  
beat Wm. Chanson and C. L. Lau 6-2  
beat Wm. Wu and C. N. Tsang 6-4  
lost to W. Abbas and Y. T. Mann 4-0

H. T. Lee and Dr. K. C. Yeo (G.A.)—  
beat Wm. Chanson and C. L. Lau 6-4  
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League Table to Date.  
Recreio 11 10 1 0 71½ 24½ 21  
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S.C.A.A. 7 6 0 1 46 17 12  
M.C.A. 9 6 0 3 48 33 12  
H.K.C.C. 10 5 1 4 47½ 42½ 11  
University 7 5 0 2 43½ 19½ 10  
Kowloon C.C. 8 4 1 3 37 38 9  
Indian R.C. 4 1 5 39 40 9  
Army T.C. 7 3 0 4 29½ 37½ 6  
Raid T.C. 3 2 0 1 25½ 45½ 6  
K.I.T.C. 11 2 1 8 34 65 5  
Graduates A. 7 3 0 4 25 36 6  
Deutscher C. 8 1 1 6 23 49 3  
C.C.C. 9 1 0 8 22½ 58½ 2  
C.S.C.C. 9 0 1 8 23 58 1

### AUSTRALIAN TRIAL FOR RECORD.

"Wizard" Smith to Make the Attempt.

#### ALL-BRITISH CAR.

Preparations are being completed for an Australian attack upon the world's land speed record of 245.7 miles an hour, set up at Daytona Beach, Florida, this year by Sir Malcolm Campbell.

Sir Malcolm's challenger is Mr. Norman Smith, the Australian speed "wizard," who is to make his attempt on the Ninety Mile Beach, New Zealand. This will be an all-British attempt, as the car which Mr. Smith will drive has been built in Sydney by Mr. D. J. Harkness, the designer, and is fitted with a giant 12-cylinder Napier Lion engine lent by the Imperial Government. The car is named the F. H. Stewart Enterprise, in honour of Mr. F. H. Stewart, a leading omnibus proprietor of Sydney and chairman of Australian National Airways, who is taking a close interest in the venture.

Though one condition of the loan of the engine by the British Government is that its power, dimensions, and design must be kept secret, it is known that the engine has twelve cylinders arranged in three banks of four each; that it is supercharged, and is remarkably light in proportion to its power. It is also stated here that it is at least as powerful as the engine of Sir Malcolm Campbell's record-breaking car.

"Wizard" Smith will sit in the car with his head only 38 inches above the ground, compared with the racing head height of 46 or 48 inches of Sir Malcolm Campbell.

### SOUTH CHINA BEAT ALL-SINGAPORE.

#### POOR CONDITIONS.

On a wet and slippery ground the South China football eleven narrowly defeated an All-Singapore XI on Wednesday, July 22. Ip Pak-wa scored the only goal of the match.

Tsang 6-4  
beat W. Abbas and Y. T. Mann 6-1

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### BOBBY JONES ON THE SCREEN.

First of the Talking Films Arrive.

#### INGENIOUSLY HANDLED.

The talking films which Bobby Jones gave up his amateur golfing status to make at Hollywood are now complete, and a selection was shown privately by Warner Brothers in London recently. There are twelve films in all, each dealing with a particular club, and each gives a slight story background. The serious student of the game might prefer to receive his instruction, but it is ingeniously handled and is not too obtrusive. The general theme, says the Yorkshire Post, is the introduction of a duffer who happens, just when he is in despair over his play, to encounter Jones on the course. He asks his advice. Jones, ever obliging, immediately points out his errors and proceeds to give a practical demonstration of how the shot should be played.

This method has certain advantages. It relates, by contrast, the good habits of Jones with the bad habits of the indifferent golfer, and it enables Jones to give his instruction in an informal style, not overweighted with detail, which is easy to follow. Jones, too, has a pleasant voice and does his part with no sign of self-consciousness.

His films should be very popular, and it is quite possible that a good many golfers will find them genuinely helpful. But they inevitably make the game look easier than it actually is. Jones, rightly stressing the importance of relaxation, appears to be swinging with very little effort that it is easy to forget the powerful muscular equipment necessary for such masterly results.

#### GOLF.

Starting Times for Sunday.

The Secretary of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club supplies the following list of starting for Fanling on Sunday:—

9.20 a.m. A. Leach, N. K. Littlejohn.  
9.24 " W. J. Shields, Capt. Anderson.  
9.28 " H. F. Sommers, W. Wright.  
9.32 " S. O. Feltham, J. Forbes.  
9.36 " A. G. Coppin, H. Remington.  
9.40 " O. Eager, A. D. Humphreys.  
9.44 " A. C. I. Bowker, J. R. Hinton.  
9.48 " W. R. Vallance, H. C. D. Maclean.

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**'FAIR' AND 'UNFAIR'  
ON THE SPEEDWAY.****Dubious Tactics in  
the Team Racing.****THE CASE OF WATSON.**

I am sorry to have to introduce Colin Watson to the forefront of my article for whenever I do so, Wembley's supporters tell me I am unfair to him and to Wembley, while the supporters of other tracks, particularly those of Stamford Bridge, write to accuse me of taking Watson's part, writes H. G. Lewis in the Evening News.

Watson is obviously worth writing about. People either admire him or hate him. At Stamford Bridge he was saved from violent assault only because a certain stalwart official standing by saw what was about to happen and brought the issue to a speedy climax by a neat hook to the jaw of the would-be-assault.

The most recent disturbance of which Watson was the storm centre occurred at the West Ham-Wembley match, and I mention it because it raises a very important point.

In the fourteenth heat Watson and his partner, Kilminster, took the lead, with Red Bounds third. Kilminster went to the front. Bounds attempted first to cut inside Watson on a bend, but Watson rode the white line and shut him out.

Then Bounds attempted to pass on the outside at a bend, and Watson, riding wide, made that impossible. Eventually amid terrific cheering, Bounds did pass Watson and Kilminster, too, and won the race, despite Watson's attempt to catch him.

The point is how far, in team racing, should one man be allowed to protect his partner in front by shutting out those of the other team behind?

Now such tactics as Watson employed, or appeared to employ, are common. Are they illegal? The rules say that the steward "may exclude immediately any driver who in his opinion crowds or bores, whether intentionally or not, or otherwise indulges in any foul or unfair practice."

That is as wide as the North Sea. Was Watson either crowding or boring? He never touched Bounds, and he may justly claim that as he was well in front of Bounds he had a perfect right to ride inside or outside, fast or slow.

Was it foul or unfair? Who is to say? West Ham supporters would answer "Yes," but Wembley's in this instance, would say "No."

The rules being decidedly hazy, we will consider it from the point of view of the sport. In team racing is such "jockeying" to be permitted as all part of the game? Or must the riders always give their opponents a clear passage so that each man rides just as he would in one of those tiresome single-handed track record attempts?

"I should hate to see speedway racing become an old man's game," said John Hoskins. So would all of us.

No doubt in the course of time spectators and riders will gradually build up an unwritten code between themselves as to what is

**'GOODWILL' TOURNEY  
ENDS IN A RIOT.****Americans and Italians  
in Conflict.****RETURN ENGAGEMENT.**

Riotous scenes marked a so-called "goodwill" boxing tournament between Italian and American teams at the Madison Square Garden recently.

The tournament, which was designed to promote goodwill between the United States and Italy, went quite well until the fight between Louis Salica, the American bantamweight representative, and Edelweis Rodriguez, the Italian hope. After an exciting bout the verdict was awarded to the American, who appeared to have a margin of points. When the decision was announced the Italian dropped to the floor, writhing, kicking, and biting his gloves. It took three of his seconds all their time to get him out of the ring.

The Italian team thereupon decided to withdraw from the rest of the tournament in protest against the decision. Then an uproar occurred. The 7,000 spectators went wild. Prolonged jeering and counter-jeering started, and the ring was pelted with lemons, coins, and cigar stubs. Order was eventually restored when, after half an hour of wrangling, the Italians agreed to resume, and the tournament went on.

This was only accomplished after officials of the local Amateur Athletic Union intervened and pacified the manager of the Italian team by arranging a change of referees. The next decision after order was restored appeared to be a diplomatic one. In the fight between Flavio Debonis, of Boston, and Vincenzo, of Italy, the decision went to the Italian, though to competent judges at the ringside he appeared to have been behind on points at the finish. The American team won this amateur tournament by five matches to two.

The two teams had met before in May, but on that occasion the contest resulted in a draw.

fair and what is unfair. We shall know when to boo.

But there will always be partisan spirit, and this should not be despised as it is by some, but should within limits be welcomed. There is much to be said in favour of good hearty "boo." If you think over it.

Another point arising is that the steward, whoever he may be, can hardly be expected to see what goes on at the benches—at any rate with sufficient accuracy to give a decision upon what may happen in a twinkling.

One steward told me recently that he would be far easier in his mind if he had two men, one at each end, to watch just as a football referee has his linesmen.

He suggested that these might be probationer stewards and he emphasised that in such important events as Test matches and cup finals, where the racing is particularly keen, such assistance would save a great deal of argument and might ensure fair racing.

The only possible "snag" I see in this idea is that if these assistants were of the officious and over-zealous type they might come running in with complaints three times a race.

**CHALLENGE ROUND  
OF DAVIS CUP.***(Continued from Page 1.)*

Rene Lacoste has won the Doubles at Auteuil. In 1927 he beat Henri Cochet at Marseilles. Last year he won the German Championship Singles at Hamburg and was a Finalist in the French Singles and Mixed Doubles Championships in Paris. He was ranked No. 9 in the World's "First Ten" last year. Last month he played at Bournemouth in the British Hard Courts Championship and beat G. P. Hughes in the final. At Wimbledon last year he was beaten by John Doeg in a five-set match.

**G. P. Hughes.**

G. P. Hughes, who reached the final of the British Hard Courts Championship at Bournemouth has had about six years of open tournaments since he first attracted attention when competing in the "Evening News" Tournament. There is no Briton who has played more tennis on the Continent where Hughes has won several national doubles championships.

It is interesting to recall that he learnt his tennis on the public courts in Lincoln's Inn Fields when a student at the London School of Economics.

Hughes was beaten in that final match at Bournemouth by Bousous, France's greatest left hander, and a possible adversary in the Challenge Round.

Austin, Perry and Hughes form a very youthful trio, none of them is over 25. They will tackle an older and more experienced team in the French side but their hopes indeed run high. Britain has at last got the chance to capture the Cup which has eluded her since 1912. Their spirit of "do or die" will stand them in good stead and should they be defeated this year they will be back all the more determined for the 1932 season.

**French Ascendancy.**

The year 1925 marks the rise of the ascendancy of France among tennis nations. France has remained supreme since but this year's threat is no idle one.

France, however, has still some ground to hope, because the grass courts at Wimbledon were not to the liking of the French, and although the British players fared well there they will not have the same advantage at Auteuil.

This was plainly demonstrated when Borotra, who went out in the semi-finals at Wimbledon, won the Auteuil tournament title recently.

Great Britain's path to the Challenge Round was as follows:—  
Beat Monaco 5 matches to nil.  
Beat Belgium 5 matches to nil.  
Beat S. Africa 5 matches to nil.  
Beat Japan 5 matches to nil.  
Beat Czechoslovakia 4 matches to 1.  
Beat America 3 matches to 2.

**Our Sports Diary.****LOCAL.**

**LAWN TENNIS—To-morrow—**  
"B" Division—M.B.K. v. South China A.A.; "C" Division—Army T.O. v. Civil Service (C.C.); Recreation C.C. v. Indian; R.C.C. v. South China A.A. v. Y.M.C.A.; University v. Deutscher Club.

**LAWN BOWLS—To-morrow—**  
Division I—C.C.C. v. Taikeo; K.C.C. v. G.S.C.C.; Kowloon Dock v. Police; K.B.G.C. v. Recreation; Division II—Taikeo v. C.C.C.; G.S.C.C. v. K.C.C.; Recreation v. K.B.G.C.; Yacht Club v. Electric R.C.

**ABROAD.****CRICKET—To-day—**

Essex v. Lancashire.  
Warwickshire v. Notts.  
Lancashire v. Surrey.  
Kent v. Leicestershire.  
Sussex v. Somerset.  
Gloucestershire v. Yorkshire.  
Derbyshire v. Northamptonshire.  
Combined Services v. New Zealand.

Worcestershire v. Middlesex.  
To-morrow, Monday and Tuesday.  
Essex v. Somerset.  
Lancashire v. Notts.  
Surrey v. Kent.

Hampshire v. New Zealand.  
Gloucestershire v. Northamptonshire.  
Gloucester v. Yorkshire.  
Derbyshire v. Middlesex.  
Worcestershire v. Sussex.  
Leicestershire v. Warwickshire.

**GOLF—To-day—Scottish Amateur Championship at Prestwick (Concluding Day).**

**RACING—To-day—Liverpool Summer Cup.**

**LAWN TENNIS—To-day—**  
Davis Cup Challenge Round in Paris.

**BASEBALL LEAGUE  
AVERAGES.****JAN IN THE LEAD.**

The following table shows the positions held by the respective players in the batting averages of the Hong Kong Baseball League:

Name	Played.	At-bat.	Run.	Hlt.	Average.
H. Jan (S.C.)	3	8	4	4	0.50
Shilling (Helena)	2	7	3	3	0.43
Murata (Jap)	3	9	2	3	0.33
Zafra (H.K.B.C.)	2	6	2	2	0.33
Gilson (H.K.B.C.)	2	6	2	2	0.33
Bauer (Helena)	2	6	0	2	0.33
Thompson (Helena)	2	6	2	2	0.33
T. Leonard (H.K.)	2	7	1	2	0.29
S. Hachiuma (Jap.)	3	11	1	3	0.27
H. Fong (S.C.)	3	8	2	2	0.25
Y. Hachiuma (Jap)	3	8	2	2	0.25
D. Leonard (H.K.)	2	8	2	2	0.25
S. K. Pung (C.A.C.)	2	8	2	2	0.25
S. K. Pung (C.A.C.)	2	4	1	1	0.25
Saido (Jap)	2	4	0	1	0.25
Getjens (Helena)	2	4	0	1	0.25
Shillingberger (Hel.)	2	4	0	1	0.25

**FAMOUS BOXING  
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Jim Jeffries, whom he defeated for the World's Heavyweight Championship, will admit that But men who never pulled on a glove with Johnson will also admit it.

Jack was the greatest defensive heavyweight in the ring of our day—perhaps of any day. But this six feet and half an inch of black hickory was more than that.

He was a born comedian. He was a most excellent musician. He could recite Shakespeare by the yard. And "he had a mouth filled with gold."

It was Jack London's adjuration to Jim Jeffries to come out from his six years' retirement "to wipe off Jack's golden smile" that fetched Jim.

For Jack, whose own molars were as hard and white as ivory, had them "pulled" in order to have them replaced by golden ones, with, as I remember, a diamond set in one of them.

I can see Jack the day that, as an uncrowned king of Africa, he visited the offices of the old "P.I.P." off the Strand. Jack was arrayed in a marvellous suit and a marvellous smile, and such a white bowler! He took his ovation like a king. He looked a king, so said Shaw Desmond.

His skin could vary from ashy grey to glossy black.

I saw him once fight a man when out of condition, and with 40 lb overweight packed round his waist. For Jack had a habit of "going it" between his fights. His skin was slate colour, but he won his fight. It was a sort of habit.

The Eclipse of Jeffries. And then that never to be forgotten Fourth of July at the City of Fair Frailty, San Reno, Nevada, where it is a case of "Cut and Come Again" and divorce costs the price of a drink, when he beat the unconquerable Jeffries to a pulp.

There was another Johnson. Black, glossy black! I always see Jack's psychology through that fight. When Billy Jordan, fight announcer, brought out the black, he was bringing out a Colossus trained fine as a greyhound, and make no mistake, carrying dynamite in either paw.

Johnson that day was the most perfectly-trained man on the planet.

His shaven skull glistened. His skin shone like that of a thoroughbred. His tremendous shoulders and arms firmed down to nothingness where the slender negroid leg was to carry him so easily and quickly out of Jeffries' reach.

What the dense masses surrounding that ring, high placed like a sacrificial altar, saw was a boxer who used his arms as a fence. Round after round for those fateful fifteen rounds Jeffries, the Human Battering Ram, vainly tried to "get home" with the pile-driver that had spelled what the Americans call "curtains" for all those who had hitherto faced him. For Jack was the ring magician.

But those sleuthy arms, with the sleuthy brain behind, were always in the way. And, always, beating insistently upon the white man's ears, came the lash of Johnson's tongue—the most poisonous tongue in the ring.

"Come on, Jim—what's the matter with you? . . . Where've yah left yah're punch? . . . Why don't you wipe off dat smile? . . ."

And Johnson was cruel. He played for Jim's injured eye, the eye which he knew carried about it a skin like paper. He played for it and on it until he had broken it into a gaping wound. Johnson was cruel.

Not Child's Play. He had to be. Fighting with the 4-oz is not a game for children, but for grown men. If Bombardier Wells, whom he did not beat for the Rev. F. B. Meyer, just dead, he would have fought in London, had ever learned that lesson, England might have given one more heavy-weight champion to the world.

Unlike Wells, Johnson never spared his man.

After he had "felt him out" up to the fifth round, Johnson showed himself merciless.

It seems to me that he deliberately played with Jim that day. Cat and mouse, with Johnson always the cat. And such claws!

Other things equal, no white can fight a black on equal terms. The black is feline; the white is canine.

Johnson once said: "I hit instinctively, as a tiger strikes." But it was from a white, Joe Choyanski, that Johnson learned how to hit!

So here was Johnson that day, in a ring upon which the attention of millions of blacks as well as whites was focused throughout the world.

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MURDERS.****Wives Killed for  
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After a trial lasting a week Dr. Laget was found guilty at Montpellier of murdering his two wives, who were sisters, and was condemned to death.

Suspicion was first directed towards him when, in December, 1929, after treatment at his hands, his sister, Marie-Louise Laget, became seriously ill. She alleged at the time that her brother, who owed her money, had been attempting her life, and called attention to the fact that his two wives had died mysteriously. The authorities thereupon exhumed the bodies of the two women, and medical examination showed the presence of large quantities of poison in each case.

By the death of his first wife Dr. Laget benefited by her will; by the death of the second he received the proceeds of a life insurance.

**LORD IRWIN.****Receives the Honorary  
Freedom of Doncaster.****SPEECH ON INDIA.**

Rugby, Yesterday. Lord Irwin was presented with the Honorary Freedom of the County Borough of Doncaster today. He said that the next few months, with the re-assembly of the Round Table Conference, would show whether there was enough common sense and imagination in India and in Great Britain to allow them to find a solution of the Indian problem.—British Wireless Service.

uppercuts, cutting him to ribbons. And the last unforgettable picture as the thousands about that ring, groaned: "Stop it! Don't let him knock Jim out." The picture of the White Colossus hitherto unbeatable, sinking down his right hand and arm over the lower rope, above him the victorious black, with the golden smile that wouldn't come off.

An Enigma. For Johnson was an enigma. Gentle as a child with other children. Singing like a human nightingale. A black philosopher, interested in, and interesting to, his fellow-black or white.

And the Johnson of the ring. Cruel, cunning, pitiless. In him a devil to taunt his opponent into impotence and to madden him into recklessness. Oh, yes, I know all about the twenty-four-round fight against the six-and-half-foot of cowboy known as Jess Willard.

Jack Johnson, the Galveston negro, could, perhaps, lie. But I think he told the truth when, years afterwards, he said that Jess had not whipped him!

It is men like Jack Johnson who, in the twenty-foot ring, make truth stranger than fiction.

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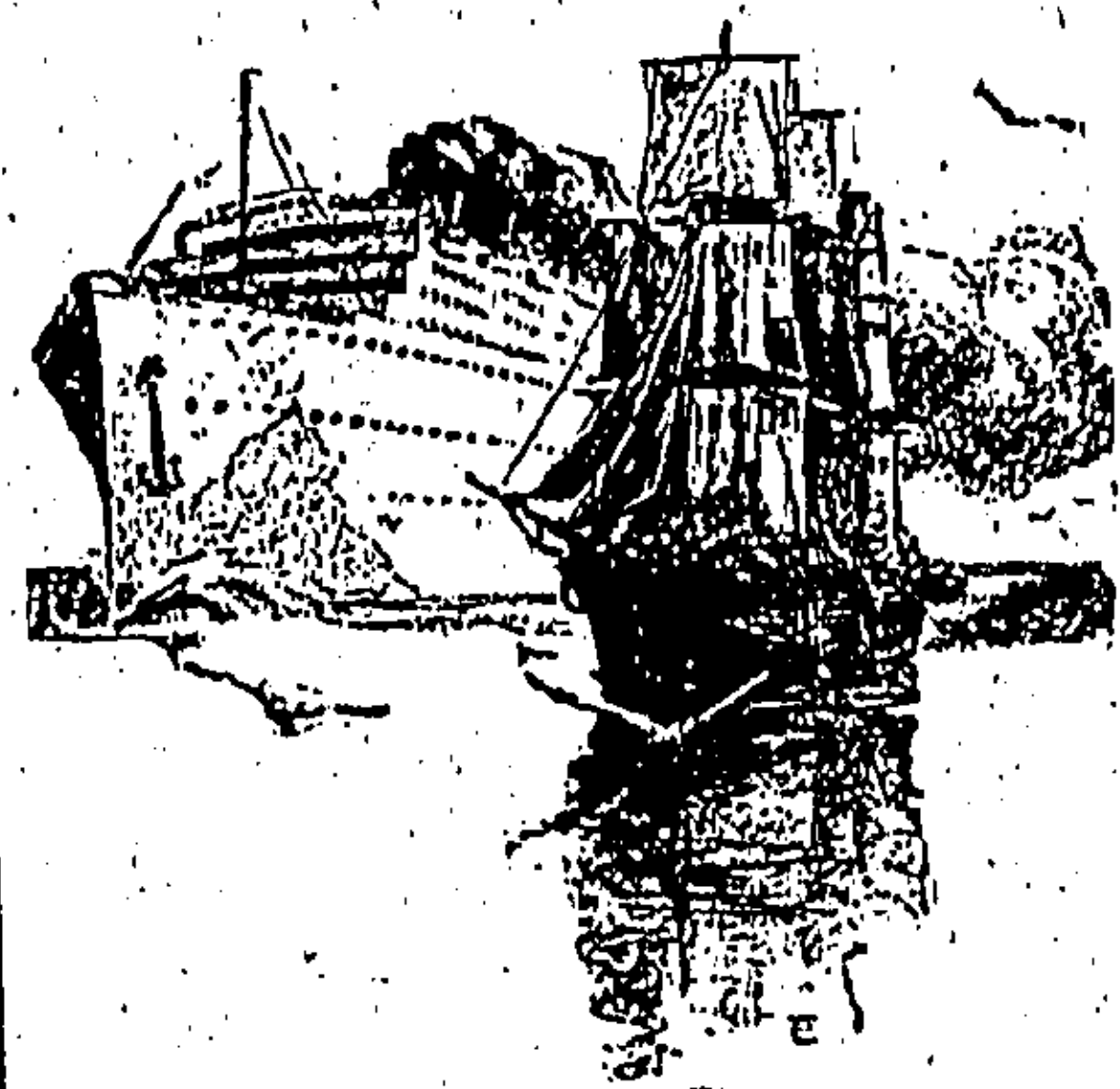
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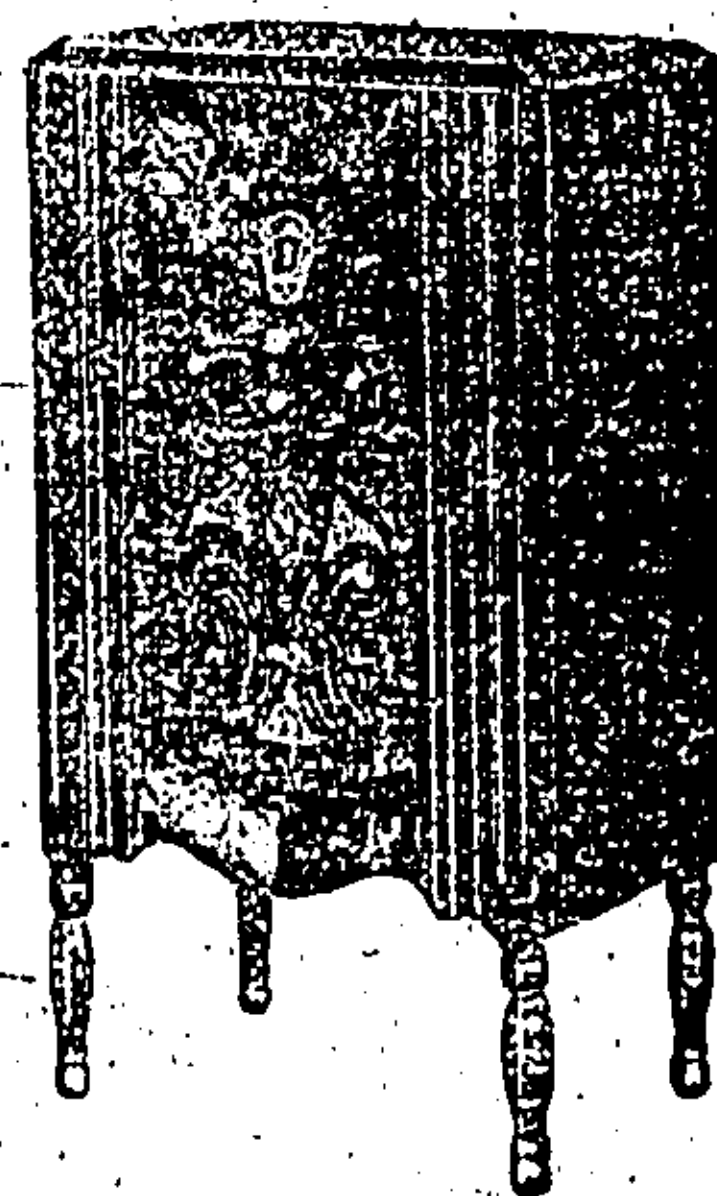
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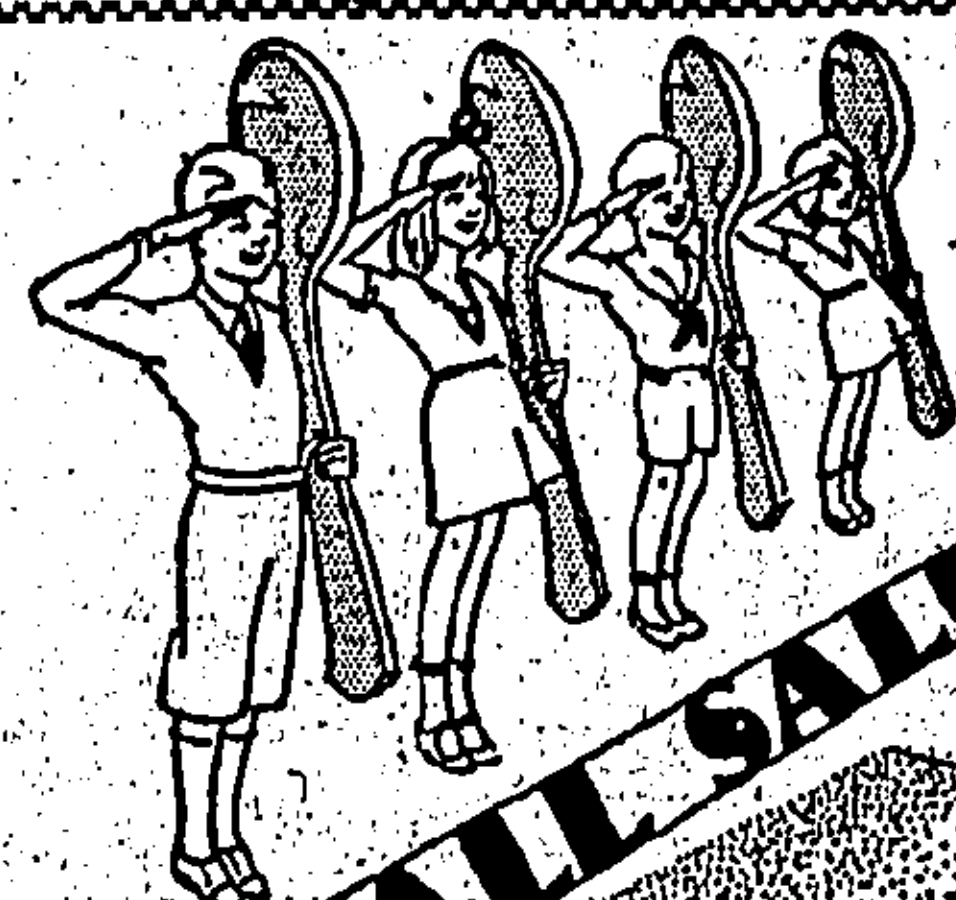
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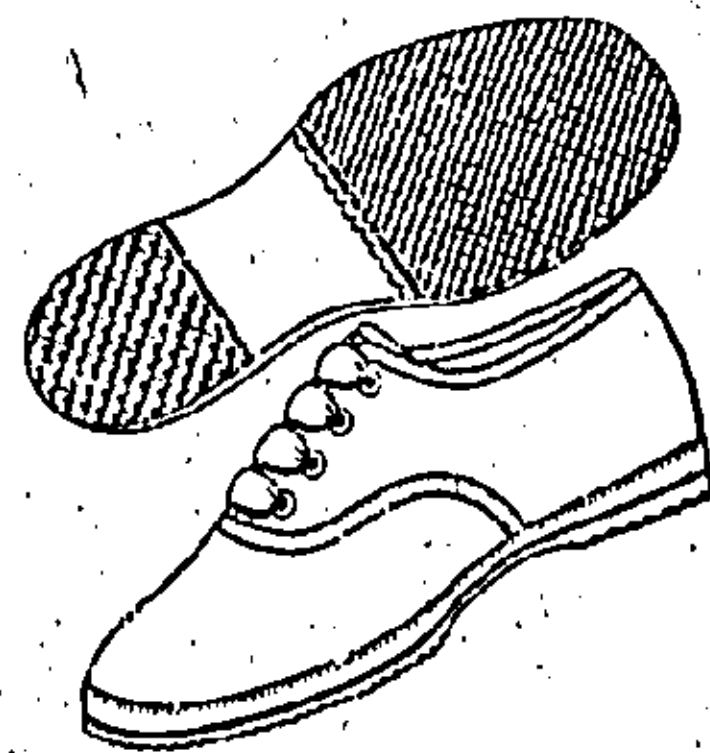
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### The Yellow Peril.

Under the restless sea of cur-  
rent events there often surges  
the deeper stream of historic  
forces which flows to a result to  
which the lesser currents have  
contributed. To justify the  
metaphor, the thinking man may  
well ask: are current events in  
the East moving swiftly towards  
the consummation of a vital and  
titanic marriage of racial desires?  
In the subconscious mind of the  
great Mongol races there lurks  
the presence of a future unity  
which would overcome difficul-  
ties of language and tradition  
and fuse in a common nationality  
the artificially estranged peoples  
of the Orient. Is the student of  
affairs able to see in the trend of  
living history the foreshadows of  
such an event?

Japan has been watching  
China ever since she became a  
great world power; she has  
seized territory here and conces-  
sion there and, for a time, took  
over the old German concession  
of Tsin Tao. She holds Korea  
and has large interests in Man-  
churia, and had she not blunder-  
ed over the famous Twenty-One  
articles which so enraged China  
during the Great War, she  
might have had a bigger parcel  
of the great continent  
than would have been  
healthy for the world. Since the  
outbreak of the succession of  
civil wars, Japan has been watch-  
ing China even more closely, not-  
ing with philosophic patience the  
gradual disintegration of the un-  
happy Republic. The eager poli-  
ticians of China knew this, but  
like all the Chinese, were fully

confident that they could do more  
than was in their power. They  
knew that Japan would never  
pounce upon their country in a  
sudden invasion and make it a  
larger Korea; not because Japan  
had not the strength to do it, but  
because the great Powers of the  
West would never allow it. At  
the same time, the old policy of  
nibbling which had served  
Japanese statesmen in the past  
could no longer pass in a country  
which had grown used in bitter-  
ness to these tactics. Already  
parts of China are seething with  
resentment against the intrusive  
Japanese, who are on the whole  
better workmen and smarter  
traders than their Asiatic coun-  
sins. The Korean troubles ap-  
pear to have brought the matter  
to a head and there are grave  
fears in the North that a war  
with Japan may be necessary.  
For this reason, Chiang Kai-shek,  
who is no diplomat, is reported to  
have made overtures to the Can-  
tonese faction, suggesting an  
alliance with Nanking in view of  
international conflict. Mr.  
Eugene Chen, on the other hand,  
is a far cleverer man, and it is  
felt in well-informed circles that  
his visit to Japan has for its  
purpose the endeavour to per-  
suade the Government to support  
him in his campaign against  
Chiang Kai-shek. It is a dan-  
gerous move, if it be true, for  
this is precisely what Japan has  
been waiting for. Japanese in-  
tervention in the affairs of China  
would be a menace to the whole  
Western world, for the Japanese,  
by their astute methods of states-  
manship, would very quickly de-  
mand rights and concessions  
which would give them a  
stranglehold of the country. A  
united China and Japan would  
constitute a world force of men-  
ace and power, for it would give  
the Mongol races complete con-  
trol of the Pacific and might even  
endanger some of Great Britain's  
Far Eastern strongholds. Yet  
this is what the forces of history  
are tending to bring about, and  
whether they know it or not,  
Messrs. Chiang and Chen are  
playing moves in this great game  
which in the distant future may  
change the face of civilisation.

### News in Brief.

Mr. C. M. Hall, proprietor of  
the Caravan curio shop, Peninsula  
Hotel, has notified the Police of  
the loss of a gold ring, valued at  
\$200.

Li Kai, aged 23, stated to be a  
stonebreaker, was injured during  
blasting operations in Prince Edward  
Road yesterday. He was  
taken to the Kowloon Hospital for  
treatment.

On a charge of attempted armed  
robbery on the ground floor of 27  
North Street in the early hours of  
July 7, a Chinese was committed to  
stand trial at the next Assizes, by  
Mr. E. H. Williams at the Central  
Police Court yesterday afternoon.

The case in which two Chinese  
partners in a coal firm are charged  
with uttering forged certificates of  
the Government Analyst in con-  
nection with tenders submitted to  
the Government for the supply of  
coal, was continued before Mr.  
Schofield, at the Central Magistracy  
yesterday and again adjourned to  
this afternoon.

The cups which are to be pre-  
sented as prizes in the forthcoming  
motor cycle reliability trial, which  
is to be held on August 4, are now  
on view in Messrs. Donnelly and  
Whyte's show window. They  
make an imposing show, and should  
induce the motor cycling fraternity  
of the Colony to enter. Entries  
for the trial were due to close  
yesterday, but, owing to the poor  
support the venture has received,  
the closing date has been postponed  
until Monday next.

### WORLD JAMBOREE.

Official Film Shown to  
Local Scouts.

#### LARGE CROWD PRESENT.

A silent film, containing official  
records of the Boy Scouts World  
Jamboree held at Arrowe Park in  
August 1929, was screened in the  
hall of the Chinese Y.M.C.A. last  
night. There was a large crowd  
of Boy Scouts and Cubs present, and  
they showed their appreciation by  
lusty cheering.

The Rev. G. T. Waldegrave  
(Local Commissioner) said that  
Hong Kong was very lucky to get  
the film, as it had come from  
Malaya, and would be forwarded  
from here to Southern Rhodesia.  
Shanghai would not see it, and so  
Hong Kong was one up on them!  
(Laughter).

The film gave a very interesting  
survey of the Scout movement  
which started in 1908. At the  
World Jamboree 50,000 Scouts,  
of all nations, attended, and the Prince  
of Wales slept a night under  
canvas. The camp was visited by  
many prominent officials, including  
General C. G. Dawes, of America.  
The Rolls-Royce, called "The Jam  
Roll" which was presented to Lord  
Baden-Powell (the Chief Scout of  
the World) was also depicted. The  
marches past were most impres-  
sive.

The film is being shown again  
to-night at 9.15 o'clock.

### LOST HIS FOOTING.

Attempted to Jump on  
to a Full Bus.

#### REFUSED ASSISTANCE.

Evading the "bus full" sign, Mr.  
Fung Yuk-fu, of 141, Caine Road,  
attempted to board a Hong Kong  
Motor bus which was in mo-  
tion in Des Voeux Road Central at  
the junction of Pedder Street.

Mr. Fung, in making the jump,  
lost his footing and was dragged  
for a considerable distance. He,  
however, lost his grip, and the  
rear double-wheel of the vehicle  
passed over both legs.

It is stated that Mr. Fung re-  
fused to be taken to hospital for  
treatment, and was subsequently  
taken to his residence in a private  
car.

### DR. TUCKER.

Handed Over to the U.S.  
Consul.

Peking, Yesterday.  
The United States Legation  
learns that the Chinese authorities  
at Tsinanfu have handed over Dr.  
Tucker to the American Consul,  
upon instructions from the Chinese  
Government.—Reuter.

[A Shanghai message of July 21  
stated:

Following a public agitation  
and an "anti-imperialist demon-  
stration" the Chinese authorities in  
Shantung have arrested Dr. Francis  
Tucker, the respected Superinten-  
dent of the American Board Mis-  
sion at Tschow and have taken  
him to Tsinanfu. Up to the pre-  
sent they have refused to hand him  
over to the American Consul.  
On the night of July 11, Dr. Tucker  
shot and killed a Chinese who was  
attempting to rob the Hospital  
where recently a number of ro-  
bberies had taken place. The local  
Kuomintang is demanding, among  
other things, that Dr. Tucker  
should die.]

#### MR. BURTON-SAYER.

Shanghai, To-day.  
Mr. G. S. Burton-Sayer, Editor  
of the Shanghai Times, has accept-  
ed the position of Press Informa-  
tion Officer to the Shanghai Man-  
icipal Council.—Reuter.

### "SPARE THE ROD—"

Beaten Boy Goes to  
the Police.

#### CASE DISMISSED.

A case of beating a boy was dis-  
cussed in the Kowloon Magistracy  
this morning, when Man Woon was  
charged with having assaulted  
Tsang Sik, a Chinese boy, at Tai  
Wan Village on July 22.

It appears that Man Woon was  
given charge of the boy by the  
boy's father, and on account of  
some misdemeanour, defendant  
beat the boy across the back, mak-  
ing eight ugly welts. The boy  
thereupon went to the police sta-  
tion and reported the matter.

In discharging the man, Mr.  
Fraser said that he was unable to  
convict, as the man appeared to  
have control of the boy, and was  
thus entitled to administer him.  
"For Someone Else."

Another case in which a child

figured, was when a little girl was  
charged with having unlawful pos-  
session of 10 taels of opium. The  
child said she was carrying it for  
someone else, and this statement  
was strongly supported by the fact  
that the child's guardian was fol-  
lowing at a distance of twenty  
yards. The case was adjourned in  
order that the guardian might  
also be charged.

### SPEEDING FINE.

Penalty for Ignoring  
Light Signal.

#### PUBLIC CAR OFFENCE.

At "traffic time" in the Central  
Police Court this morning, Mr. W.  
Schofield imposed a fine of \$20 on  
the Chinese driver of a public  
vehicle, who pleaded guilty to hav-  
ing driven through Whitfield,  
which is a controlled area, at a  
fast speed.

Inspector Stimson said that he  
followed defendant, who was then  
going at a speed of 25 miles an  
hour, but he accelerated to 30  
miles an hour.

For failing to obey traffic signals  
in Arsenal Street recently, the  
Chinese driver of a public car was  
fined \$15. It was stated by Traffic  
Inspector Alexander that the de-  
fendant was proceeding in Queen's  
Road East from west to east, and  
the red light (stop) was against  
him. A car, driven by Lieut. J. G.  
Richardson, of the South Wales  
Borderers, was coming up Arsenal  
Street and against him was the  
green light (go). The defendant  
ignored the signal with the result  
that he cut in front of Mr.  
Richardson's car, causing the lat-  
ter to pull up quickly.

### EARL HAIG.

Statue Unveiled at  
Montreuil.

#### FRENCH TRIBUTE.

Montreuil, June 28.

The memory of Earl Haig was  
honoured to-day, when an eque-  
strian statue of the late Field-Mar-  
shal, erected by the private sub-  
scriptions of French citizens, was  
unveiled in the Square here, in the  
presence of a large and distin-  
guished gathering representing  
Great Britain and France.

A message from the Prince of  
Wales to Admiral of the Fleet  
Earl Jellicoe was read expressing  
confidence that the united admi-  
ration of the French and British  
peoples for the great soldier form  
a further bond between the two  
countries.

The statue stands only about a  
mile from the Chateau which was  
used as General Headquarters of  
the British Army from February,  
1915, until April, 1919.

Lady Haig and her two daugh-  
ters were the central figures at the  
ceremony in which the Minister of  
War Marshal Petain, Earl Jellicoe,  
Field-Marshal Viscount Allenby,  
Lord Tyrrell, a battalion of French  
Infantry, a column of Moroccan  
Cavalry, French ex-soldiers, mem-  
bers of the British Legion, and the  
Republican Guard and Scots  
Guards Bands also participated.

Nine French military aeroplanes  
manoeuvred overhead during the  
ceremony, which included eloquent  
tributes to Earl Haig by Viscount  
Allenby and M. Maginot, and con-  
cluded with the laying of many  
wreaths at the base of the  
memorial.

### CUTTING OUT THIRST.

Thirst can now be removed by  
the surgeon's knife.

So it is explained in the Medical  
Journal of New York by Dr. Ed-  
ward Spencer Cowles, who says  
that drunkards are born, not made.  
Acute alcoholism, he points out, is  
due to pressure caused by excess  
fluid around brain cells, and not  
everyone is subject to this trouble.

The victims seem to be those  
whose tissues have a selected ac-  
tion for alcohol, and they are  
possibly as comparatively rare as  
the victims of hay fever.

Tapping the excess fluid, though  
a comparatively simple operation,  
says the doctor, gives immediate  
relief to such drunkards, and the  
cure may even be complete, result-  
ing in freedom from the craving  
for alcohol.

### Ten Years Ago.

[From the "China Mail" of  
July 24, 1921.]

To-day's dollar is worth 2/8%.

A long standing feud between  
hawkers and rattle workers against  
restaurant attendants resulted in  
a battle royal in Water Street, West  
Point, at 5 p.m. yesterday. Daggers,  
knives, carrying poles, sticks and  
stones, and other handy weapons  
were freely used by the combatants,  
and the fighting was fierce until the  
arrival of a strong posse of armed  
police. Scouts announced the  
arrival of the Police and all the  
men got away. A Chinese watch-  
man was picked up unconscious suf-  
fering from two stab wounds in  
the shoulder and side, respectively.  
He was immediately removed to  
the hospital where he is making  
favourable progress.

### LINER'S COLLISION.

One Man Injured and  
Three Missing.

Osaka, Yesterday.  
One man has been seriously in-  
jured, and three men are missing  
from a Japanese sailing vessel with  
which the a.s. President Grant, the  
American Dollar liner, collided this  
morning as it was on its way to  
Shanghai from Kobe.  
The accident took place off Moji.  
—Reuter.

#### REDS SEIZE CITY.

Telegraphic news has been re-  
ceived in the Colony to the effect  
that a big Chinese city, near Swa-  
tow, has been seized by the  
"Reds" and that considerable ap-  
prehension exists at Swatow, where  
there are fears of a Communist in-  
vasion.

The name of the city is given in  
the telegram as Chow-fu, but it is  
believed that the place is Chaochow-  
fu, which is one of the most impor-  
tant cities in the Swatow region.

The MacMillan Candle Company,  
of Syracuse, N.Y., said to be one of  
the largest manufacturers of that  
product in the world, will start  
manufacturing at Niagara Falls in  
the near future, employing 20 per-  
sons to start.



## THE STORY OF THE BALLOON

First Ascent in 1783.  
FROM ITS EARLIEST PHASE.

The father of flying was he who first observed the birds. The first balloonist was the man who looked at the clouds and thought that if he could only put a cloud into a bag the cloud would carry the bag into the heavens.

The first balloon had scarcely ascended before an enterprising doctor glimpsed its possibilities as a means of increasing our store of scientific knowledge, but the first balloonist was content if only he might put a cloud into a bag and watch it go up.

Montgolfier invented the first practicable balloon in 1783, and Dr. Jofferies, an American physician in London, was the first scientist to go skyward with barometric, thermometric and hygro-metric instruments. London was the base of his ascension, and the year was 1784.

Montgolfier's Fire Balloon. Montgolfier inflated his balloon by lighting a fire beneath it. It must have been a great day, at Annonay, some 40 miles from Lyons, when that balloon arose. It looked like an inverted narrow-necked pot, and was painted with yellow suns and Zodiac signs and blowing red flames, in the traditional style of toy-theatre scenery. It remained in the air about ten minutes and came to earth a mile and a half away.

An elaborated Montgolfier next arose, with a hanging brazier that enabled the fire to be stocked in mid-air. Two men actually went up in it.

Meanwhile, still, in the year 1783, the "Charliere" also leapt heavenward. The French physicist A. C. Charles, applied Henry Cavendish's discovery regarding the specific gravity of hydrogen gas. The "Charliere," the first hydrogen balloon, after remaining aloft for two hours, descended at Nesle, 27 miles away. Charles was thus the authentic pioneer.

Paris became madly excited over these adventures, and very quickly the excitement spread through Europe and to America. The Philosophical Society at Philadelphia sent up a balloon, or rather 47 small balloons attached to one car. And the man who was induced to accompany them was fortunate to come down alive.

In February, 1784, a hydrogen gas bag which was liberated at Sandwich sailed away into Flanders and was thus the first to cross the Channel.

The first man to rise from British ground by this means was J. Tytler, at Edinburgh, on August 27, 1784, in a fire balloon of his own construction.

Descent in Flames. But the more important figure, and the more successful was Vincent Lunardi, secretary to the Neapolitan Ambassador, whose balloon on September 15, 1784, rose from the Artillery Ground, watched by a great multitude, and the Prince of Wales, afterwards Prince Regent.

Lunardi took with him a pigeon, a dog and a cat. The pigeon es-

aped. Lunardi landed the cat at South Mimms, in Hertfordshire, because the cat had destroyed it. Then he descended and eventually came down safely (with the dog) at Standon, near Ware, much to the fright of the natives.

On January 7, 1785, the first true balloon voyage across the Channel was accomplished by Jean Pierre Blanchard and Dr. Jefferies. But when Pilatre de Rozier tried to emulate Blanchard by crossing from Boulogne in a combination of fire balloon and gas balloon the exploit ended in flames and death.

In 1836 a balloon travelled from Vauxhall Gardens to Nassau, covering 500 miles in 18 hours. Robert Holland, Manck Mansou and Charles Green, were the adventurous spirits aboard. This was the Green who later made an "equestrian ascent"—astride his favourite pony—from the Eagle Tavern in the City-road, says Philip Eager-Wright in the "News Chronicle."

Green's great ambition was to cross the Atlantic, but it did not materialise, nor did a much-discussed similar project by John Wise in 1873, from the American side.

In fact, the records show only two balloon voyages of over 1,000 miles. In 1859 John Wise travelled from St. Louis to Henderson (N.Y.) 1,120 miles. In 1900 Count Henry de la Vaux made a balloon voyage from Paris to Korosticher, in Russia, 1,193 miles.

Of Salomon Andree's attempt in 1897 to balloon from Spitzbergen to the North Pole, some 600 miles distant, the world has had a recent thrilling reminder.

The Greatest Heights. The first scientist to attain any considerable height was a Frenchman. He rose to 23,000 feet. That was in 1804.

In 1852, the Committee of the Keel Observatory began a series of balloon ascents, employing Green as the aeronaut. The greatest height attained in four ascents was 22,930 feet.

A few years later the British Association determined to use balloons to make observations in the higher strata of the atmosphere. James Glaisher, himself a member of the committee, was the observer. He succeeded in reaching an altitude of 30,000 feet.

Glaisher found that his pulse, which was 76 per minute before ascending, became 90 at 10,000 feet, 100 at 20,000 feet and 110 at higher elevations. When four miles up the pulsations of his heart were distinctly audible. At 29,000 feet he became insensible.

He has had few imitators. Camille Flammarion made several ascents from Paris, but attained no great height.

There was a tragic ascent from Paris in 1875, when H. T. Sivel, J. E. Croce-Spinelli and Gaston Tissandier went up in the balloon Zenith. They climbed 27,950 feet, but only Tissandier escaped asphyxiation.

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## BOMB OUTRAGE IN SHANGHAI.

Mr. T. V. Soong the Sole Objective.

ATTACK TOO PREMATURE.

Shanghai, Yesterday. Reuter's Nanking correspondent, who was travelling on the same train as the Ministers and was present at the station exit at the time the shots were fired, says:—

"There is no doubt whatever that Mr. Soong was the sole objective of the attack. It was widely known that he was travelling on this train, whereas the fact that Mr. Shigemitsu was aboard had not been scheduled. I was walking with Mr. Shigemitsu toward the entrance where he made straight for his car, which was 20 yards ahead of Mr. Soong's. None of the shots came in Mr. Shigemitsu's direction. They were all fired from another street at the side of Mr. Soong's car."

"The attack only failed in its object by being too premature. Had it been ten seconds later the Minister and his party might have been wiped out."

Guards Fire on Crowd. "Mr. Soong's bodyguards replied to the attack by firing on the crowd who were thrown into a panic, during which the culprits escaped. One of Mr. Soong's secretaries was injured. On the bomb exploding the booking-hall was filled with black smoke and Mr. Soong, drawing his automatic pistol took cover behind a stone pillar, from whence he was shortly afterwards escorted by railway police to the railway office upstairs. Later he proceeded to his private residence in the French Concession and refused to be interviewed."

Mr. Shigemitsu Interviewed. In an interview with a representative of Reuter's, Mr. Shigemitsu said:—

"Just as I was entering my car I heard a bomb explode and a fusillade broke out. I saw the crowd in the booking office in a state of panic and falling flat on the ground to escape the bullets. Obviously the objective of the dastardly attack was the Minister of Finance. The masonry of the station exit was bespattered with bullets."

Mr. Soong returned to his residence this afternoon and when seen had the fragments of a crude bomb on his desk before him. He said:—

"I came from Nanking by the night train and arrived about 7 o'clock in the morning. As I was about 15 feet from the exit of the main hall of the North station and the Shanghai-Nanking Railway, firing broke out simultaneously on both sides of me."

"Realising that I was the target of the attack I threw away my white sun helmet which was conspicuous in the gloom of the station hall and ran into the crowd and dodged behind a pillar. Scarcely had I reached the pillar when I heard two bomb explosions and the station was filled with smoke."

"There was confused firing from all sides, to which my bodyguards replied. It was fully five minutes before the station was cleared of all of my party. At least four assassins were seen by my guards to be the people in it except the members firing but there may have been more."

"When the smoke cleared away my secretary, Yu-foo Tang, who was walking abreast of me when the firing started, was found lying on the ground shot in the bladder, hip and arms, bullets having entered his body from both left and right sides. His hat and brief case were riddled. It is a miracle that I escaped unscathed as I towered above him. Tang has since died of his wounds."

"Two of my guards were wounded, one of them very seriously while some of the passengers were injured."

"I have received repeated warnings that members of the so-called 'Canton' Government would send their agents to take my life, but until now little did I reckon that they would account among their other accomplishments the gentle art of assassination."

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## NEW FINDS NEAR SPHINX.

Chamber Devoted to a Royal Dancer.

DISCOVERY OF TOMBS.

Two important tombs of the Old Kingdom have been discovered in the neighbourhood of the Sphinx of Giza during the excavations undertaken by the Egyptian University:—

(1) The tomb of Wpnefret, a Director of the Palace, and Administrator of the famous vineyard named Dua-Her-Khent-Pet, which was originally planted by King Zoser of the third dynasty. Wpnefret's wife was a King's daughter, Merisankh, and in a serdab to the left of the entrance to the official tomb were discovered five statues of a woman, presumably Merisankh herself.

Two of the figures, which are in fine white limestone, are represented standing, with the left foot thrust forwards, a rare attitude for a woman's statue. These statues are of the highest artistic merit.

The eyes are of rock crystal and calcite, set in copper surrounds. The mummy pit of Wpnefret has been cleared as fast as possible, but the sepulchral chamber is at present under water and cannot be cleared until later in the season.

To the right of the entrances to this tomb is the mortuary chamber of Wpnefret's eldest son, the "Scholar" Aba.

This chamber is lined with fine white limestone, and part is sculptured with scenes in low relief. These scenes represent the usual arts and crafts of the Old Kingdom, with full explanatory inscriptions.

In addition, there is an interesting legal inscription, a "conveyance" executed by Wpnefret, giving the income of his wakf to his eldest son, together with a list of fifteen witnesses to the document, among whom are the steward, doctor, oculist, builder, and painter.

The mummy pit of Aba leads to a large funerary chamber, in which was found an unscrupulous sarcophagus of white limestone containing the skeleton and remains of linen. The skull is perfect.

(2) The tomb of Nemestre, Chief Singer of the Pharaoh, Priest of the Sun Temple and Pyramid of King Nageserre.

The walls of the mortuary chapel are covered with sculptured and painted scenes depicting the life of the period. To the right of this chamber is a smaller one dedicated to Nemestre's sister, Nefereares, who was a member of the Royal harim and a superintendent of the Dancers of the King. She is described as "being beautiful before the King every day" and "pleasing his heart in every place."

Far away from these two tombs are a granite-seated statuette of an officer, a fine head and bust in basalt, and a painted limestone head. Some smaller antiquities were found in neighbouring shafts, which have been cleared.

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## SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN CHINA MAIL.

Entertainments.

To-day—King's Theatre; "Skipty." To-day—Queen's Theatre; "The Eastest Way." To-day—Central Theatre; "Once a Sinner."

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Home Malls. To-morrow—Inward from Europe via Suez (Hosang). To-morrow—Outward for Europe via Siberia (Pres. Taft) 5 p.m. via Suez (Yasukuni Maru) 6 p.m.

Lamert's Auctions. July 28—At 9, Queen's Road, Central, office furniture, 2.30 p.m. July 29—At 92B, Nathan Road (Top Floor), Kowloon, household furniture, 10.30 a.m.

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Sports. See Sports Diary on Page 5. Land Sales. July 27—At P.W.D. Offices, two lots of Crown land, 3 p.m.

RICH GIRL'S DEATH.

Story of Atlantic Liner Romance.

SENSATION IN NEW YORK.

No tragedy of recent years—not even that of Arnold Rothstein, the gambler—has excited so great a sensation in New York as that of Miss Starr Faithfull, the beautiful young girl whose body was found in the surf at Long Beach.

Sudden developments occurred, when District Attorney Edwards went to Massachusetts, supposedly carrying extradition warrants for a well-known doctor and a prominent politician.

Mr. Edwards returned to New York, however, without making any arrests.

When asked regarding the identity of the "prominent politician," he replied: "He is free."

Mr. Francis P. Hamlin, a young millionaire, voluntarily appeared, and told Mr. Edwards of introducing Miss Faithfull to two men on board the liner Franconia at a party.

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## CHURCH MAY MARRY THE DIVORCED.

Commission to Make Inquiries.

SEQUEL TO CRITICISMS.

It is expected that the Church of England will set up a committee or commission to consider the question of the remarriage of divorced persons.

This development is particularly interesting in view of many recent criticisms of the attitude of bishops to this problem.

Only recently Lord Salvesen, the Scottish Law Lord, declared that the clergy were the greatest obstacle to divorce reform.

The last Lambeth Conference decided that the remarriage of divorced persons, whether guilty or innocent, should not be celebrated "according to the rites of the Church."

The Innocent Person. Where an innocent person had remarried under civil sanction and desired to receive the Holy Communion, the Conference recommended that the case should be referred to the bishop for consideration subject to provincial regulation.

In the meantime a Commission of the Episcopal Church of America recommends to the general convention at Denver, next September, that divorced people should be married by Episcopal ministers, but not in an Episcopal church or with the Episcopal rites.

Mr. Soong will be no bar to remarriage, since it is acknowledged that it is often the innocent person who chivalrously assumes the blame.

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Hong Kong, July 24, 1931.

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S. LACK, Manager.

Hong Kong, July 23, 1931.

## STANDARD TIMES.

Sunrise and Sunset  
in Colony.

Sunrise and Sunset in Hong Kong for July, 1931, Standard time of the 129th Meridian East of Greenwich are as follows:—

July	a.m.	p.m.
24	5.51	7.03
25	5.51	7.07
26	5.52	7.07
27	5.52	7.08
28	5.52	7.08
29	5.53	7.08
30	5.53	7.05
31	5.54	7.05



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## INWARD MAILS.

FRIDAY, JULY 24.

Shanghai ..... Perim

Japan ..... Kamo Maru

SATURDAY, JULY 25.

Sandakan ..... Tjilwong

Shanghai and Swatow ..... Sinkiang

Europe via Negapatam (Papers only, London, June 25) ..... Ho Sang

U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, June 26) ..... President Polk

Manila ..... President Taft

SUNDAY, JULY 26.

Shanghai and Amoy ..... King Yuan

Amoy ..... Tjilwong

Amoy ..... Sinkiang

Japan and Shanghai ..... Yasukuni Maru

MONDAY, JULY 27.

Java and Manila ..... Tjilwong

U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, July 9) ..... President Grant

## OUTWARD MAILS.

FRIDAY, JULY 24.

Manila ..... Empress of Asia 3.30 p.m.

Samahul and Wuchow ..... Kong So 4 p.m.

Hohow and Haiphong ..... New Mathilde 5 p.m.

Shanghai ..... Registration July 24, 5 p.m.

Letters ..... 6 p.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 25.

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Registration July 25, 8 a.m.

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Registration July 30, 8 a.m.

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GOVERNMENT  
NOTICES.

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS

of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, at 2.30 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of Crown Land at Shek Shan, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Lot, Boundary, Locality, Area, etc.

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Built 1904 by Messrs. Yarrow & Co. Glasgow.

Length ..... 165 feet

Breadth ..... 24 1/2 feet

Draught ..... 5 feet

Nominal Displacement ..... 180 tons

I.H.P. .... 670

Speed ..... about 13 knots

Two sets Compound Engines and two Yarrow Boilers.

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The vessel is offered for sale in the belief that the particulars are correct in every respect but their correctness is not guaranteed. No claim for allowance of compensation will be entertained from the purchaser on account of any errors or mis-description; neither is any responsibility taken for any defects that now or may hereafter exist in the hull and machinery of the vessel.

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ASAMA MARU	Tuesday, 18th August.
TAIYO MARU	Tuesday, 25th August.
SEATTLE, VANCOUVER via Shanghai & Japan Ports.	
HIKAWA MARU	Tuesday, 25th July.
HIVE MARU	Tuesday, 25th August.
LONDON, MARSEILLES, ANTWERP, ROTTERDAM via Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Suez.	
YASUKUNI MARU	Monday, 27th July.
SUWA MARU	Saturday, 8th August.
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Ports.	
KAMO MARU	Saturday, 25th July.
KITANO MARU	Saturday, 22nd August.
BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang, & Colombo.	
TOKUSHIMA MARU	Tuesday, 28th July.
SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu, Los Angeles, Mexico and Panama.	
HEIYO MARU	Tuesday, 28th July.
NEW YORK, BOSTON via Panama.	
ATAGO MARU	Sunday, 2nd August.
LIVERPOOL via Port Said, Stambul (Constantinople), Genoa.	
DELACOA MARU	Wednesday, 12th August.
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.	
MALACCA MARU	Wednesday, 28th July.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.	
PENANG MARU	Thursday, 30th July.
TOYOHASHI MARU	Monday, 3rd August.
TERUKUNI MARU	Thursday, 6th August.

For further information apply to:—NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.  
Telephone 30291. (Private exchange to all departments.)

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SAILINGS FROM HONG KONG SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES via Saigon, Singapore, Colombo, Durban & Capetown.	Buenos Aires Maru	Thurs., 3rd Sept.
MOMBASA, ZANZIBAR, DAR-ES-SALAAM, BEIRA, LOURENCO MARQUES, DURBAN, PORT ELIZABETH & CAPE TOWN THENCE TO RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES via Singapore & Colombo.	Africa Maru	Thurs., 6th Aug.
BRISBANE, SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, AUCKLAND & WELLINGTON via Manila, JAPAN PORTS (Frequent Services).	Melbourne Maru	Thurs., 6th Aug.
LONDON, HAMBURG, ROTTERDAM & ANTWERP via Singapore, Colombo, Suez & Port Said.	Atlas Maru	Mon., 10th Aug.
NEW YORK via Japan ports, Los Angeles & Panama. Call Direct at Boston, Philadelphia & Baltimore.	Kwansai Maru	Tues., 15th Sept.
BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang & Colombo.	Celebes Maru	Mon., 3rd Aug.
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Belawan, Deli & Rangoon.	Himalaya Maru	Sat., 1st Aug.
HAIPHONG via Hanoi & Pakhoi (Fortnightly).	Menado Maru	Thurs., 6th Aug.
KRULUNG via Swatow & Amoy (3 p.m. every Sunday).	Deli Maru	Thurs., 30th July
TAKAO via Swatow & Amoy (Fortnightly).		

For further particulars please apply to:—  
**OSAKA SHOEN KAISHA.**  
Telephone 28061.

## BRITISH WUCHOW LINE

SAILING DATES FOR JULY, 1931 (Subject to Change).

DEPARTURE HOURS: Hong Kong 5.30 p.m., Wuchow 3 p.m.

Steamer	Leaves Hong Kong	Arrives Wuchow	Leaves Wuchow	Arrives Hong Kong
TAI MING	SAT. 25th	MON. 27th	TUES. 28th	WED. 29th
TAI HING	TUES. 28th	THURS. 30th	FRI. 31st	SAT. 1st
TAI HING	FRI. 31st	SUN. 2nd	MON. 3rd	TUES. 4th

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Destination	Steamer	Sailing
Tian via Hong & Shanghai	KWONGSANG	Sun., 25th July at 10 a.m.
Tian via Hong & Shanghai	HOPKING	Wed., 29th July at 10 a.m.
Tian via Hong & Shanghai	POSHING	Sun., 2nd Aug. at 10 a.m.
Tian via Hong & Shanghai	PAISHING	Wed., 6th Aug. at 10 a.m.
Singapore, Penang & Calcutta	KUTSANG	Mon., 10th Aug. at 3 p.m.
Singapore, Penang & Calcutta	ROSANG	Tues., 18th Aug. at 3 p.m.
Singapore, Penang & Calcutta	YUENSANG	Tues., 25th Aug. at 3 p.m.
Osaka via Amoy & Kobe	ROKANG	Tues., 25th July at 10 a.m.
Osaka via Amoy & Kobe	YUENSANG	Wed., 31st Aug. at 10 a.m.
Osaka via Amoy & Kobe	KUTSANG	Wed., 10th Aug. at 7 a.m.
Osaka via Amoy & Kobe	HINSANG	Tues., 25th July at 3 p.m.
Osaka via Amoy & Kobe	YUSANG	Tues., 4th Aug. at Noon
Tientsin via Swatow & Hong Kong	CHEONGSHING	Sun., 25th July at 7 a.m.
Tientsin via Swatow & Hong Kong	CHIERSHING	Sun., 2nd Aug. at 7 a.m.

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### WATER LEVELS.

#### Details for West, North and East Rivers.

The following table, issued by the Kwangtung River Conservancy Commission, shows in feet the water levels on the West River, North River and East River on the dates named:—

	July 21	July 22
West River at Shuikang	33.3	—
North River at Samshui	11.2	—
East River at Shuikang	21.2	20.8
East River at Shuikang	17.7	7.3

The highest levels recorded are—Shuikang, 41 feet; Tsing-yuen, 29.2 feet; Samshui, 27.3 feet; Shuikang, 11.5 feet.

The lowest levels on record are minus 5 feet at Samshui and minus 2.7 feet at Shuikang.

### ARRIVALS OF SHIPS.

	Wednesday, July 23.
Chungking, British str., 1,311 tons, Capt. Lovegrove, from Amoy, buoy No. B21.—B. & S.	
Daviken, Norwegian str., 1,788 tons, Captain G. Svane, from Pakhoi, buoy No. A8.—Sing Kee.	
Empress of Asia, British str., 8,883 tons, Captain Douglas, from Shanghai, Kowloon Wharf.—C.P.S.	
Golden Star, American str., 4,107 tons, Capt. O. Lee, from Shanghai, Stonecutters Anchorage.—States S.S. Co.	
Graciosa, Norwegian str., 1,029 tons, Capt. Markusen, from Saigon, buoy No. B19.—Thoresen & Co.	
Hakozaki Maru, Japanese str., 6,810 tons, Capt. K. Ogawa, from Singapore, Kowloon Wharf.—N.Y.K.	
Hector, British str., 6,841 tons, Capt. A. Ogden, from Singapore, B. & S.	
Hopson, British str., 1,359 tons, Capt. P. R. Gay Cuming, from Swatow, West Point Wharf.—J. M. & Co.	
Lyons Maru, Japanese str., 4,340 tons, Capt. K. Torii, from Singapore, buoy No. A4.—N.Y.K.	
Sandviken, Norwegian str., 1,776 tons, Capt. A. Norvalds, from Swatow, buoy No. B16.—Thoresen & Co.	
Seistan, British str., 1,571 tons, Capt. Alex. C. Inglis, from Hoihow, buoy No. A10.—Jebson & Co.	
Shun Lee, Chinese str., 949 tons, Capt. B. Miyako, from Dairen, buoy No. B18.—Yu Tai Hong.	
Shunsho Maru, Japanese str., 3,914 tons, Captain Fukunaga, from Karatsu, buoy No. B9.—M.B.K.	
Sunning, British str., 1,570 tons, Capt. R. Allinson, from Swatow, buoy No. B20.—B. & S.	
Taiwan, Norwegian str., 3,259 tons, Capt. Kjoie, from Manila, buoy No. A7.—Thoresen & Co.	

### WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following British warships were in harbour to-day:—  
Caradoc—West wall dock.  
Moorhen—South wall.  
Odin—East wall.  
Otis—East wall.  
Seymour—In dock.  
Seraph—North arm.  
Stormcloud—In dock.  
Tamar—Basin.

Foreign.  
Adamastor—Portuguese cruiser.  
Argus—French gunboat.  
Mindanno—American gunboat.  
Saga—Japanese gunboat.

### HELM ORDERS.

#### Reasons for the Change Proposed.

Replying to a question in the House of Commons by Rear-Admiral Beamish, Mr. W. Graham, the President of the Board of Trade, states:—

"The proposal for a uniform international system of helm orders was discussed at the International Conference on Safety of Life at Sea held in 1913-14, and the Conference recommended that 'in view of the diversity of practice and opinion, in the different countries the question of adoption of a uniform system of helm orders should be considered at the same time as the revision of the Regulations for preventing collisions at sea.' As proposals for the amendment of the Collision Regulations were to be considered at the 1929 Conference, it was inevitable that the subject of helm orders should be discussed; and definite notice to raise the matter was given before the Conference assembled by Denmark, Finland, The Netherlands, Norway, and Sweden."

In answer to a question as to whether the President of the Board of Trade would publish the minutes of evidence on the subject, Mr. Graham writes that he is circulating a statement in the following terms:—

"There are no minutes of evidence available for publication as regards the proceedings of the International Conference on Safety of Life at Sea, 1929, on the subject of helm orders; but a brief statement may be made regarding the course of the discussions at the conference. The reluctance of British seamen, to change their traditional system and the misgivings which some of them feel as to possible danger in the event of a change of their system were fully stated by the British delegates. It appeared, however, that a number of the countries represented at the conference were already using the direct system of helm orders, while certain others proposed to adopt that system irrespective of any decision of the conference on the subject. Denmark and Belgium have, in fact, since taken action in the matter, the direct system having been introduced on Danish ships on January 1, 1930, while it has been

### THE KENT.

#### Recommissioning for China Station.

The cruiser Kent, now refitting at Chatham, will recommission there on July 30 with a new crew from the naval barracks for further service as flagship of the Commander-in-Chief in China. Vice-Admiral Sir W. A. Howard Kelly, who took over the China command recently, has been flying his flag in the Suffolk during the absence from the station of the Kent. The latter is expected to be in dockyard hands until August 18.

### STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. Empress of Japan arrived at Kobe on July 22 (Wed.) at 6.30 p.m., left Kobe on July 23 (Thurs.) at 5 a.m., and was due at Yokohama on July 24 (Fri.) at noon. She leaves Yokohama for Vancouver via Honolulu on July 25 (Sat.) at 3 p.m.

### CONSIGNEES' NOTICE

Consignees of cargo ex a.s. Benary are reminded to take delivery of their goods which will be subject to rent after July 27.

### BLUE FUNNEL HOLIDAY TRIPS.

The agents for the Blue Funnel line, send an interesting booklet issued by the Company dealing with its "Holidays at Sea" at a pound a day for a round voyage of four months, whilst for shorter holiday trips in European, African and Eastern waters, the cost is little more per day than the charge of a first-class hotel on an ordinary land holiday. Special Summer holiday return fares have been fixed and the sea-going habit for recreation and health is being widely encouraged. The comfort and safety of the Blue Funnel lines are too well known to need comment.

stated in the Press that Belgium proposes to adopt the direct system as from July 1 next.

"The general opinion of the countries represented at the Conference was in favour of the adoption of a uniform international system, particularly from the point of view of pilotage, and also having regard to the fact that seamen frequently serve on ships of different countries. It was also the general opinion that a uniform system would make for greater safety of life at sea. The discussions further showed that where the change had been made, no serious difficulties had been encountered, and this fact has since been confirmed by the experience of Denmark during the recent change-over on the ships of that country.

"In all the circumstances, as it was clear that there was no chance whatever of securing general agreement on the basis of the indirect system, as there was no reason to suppose that a change which had been successfully carried out by foreign countries could not be made equally satisfactorily by British seamen, and as to have maintained opposition to the change would have endangered unanimity on other proposals to which Britain attached importance, the delegates of Great Britain and those countries which were still using the indirect system agreed to co-operate with the others to establish a uniform international system."

### HONG KONG TIDES.

The time used is Standard, or mean time of the meridian of 120 deg. E. 00h. is midnight, 12hrs. is noon. The heights are referred to the datum of the largest scale Admiralty chart of the place and should be added to the depths given on the chart unless preceded by an asterisk (\*), when they should be subtracted from the depths.

July 24 to 30, 1931.

Date	High Water	Low Water
July	Times	Times
Fri. 24	11.14	5.11
Sat. 25	11.16	5.13
Sun. 26	11.18	5.15
Mon. 27	11.20	5.17
Tues. 28	11.22	5.19
Wed. 29	11.24	5.21
Thurs. 30	11.26	5.23

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Empress of Canada	Aug. 15	Aug. 18	Aug. 20	Aug. 22	Aug. 30
Empress of Russia	Aug. 28	Aug. 31	Sept. 3	Sept. 5	Sept. 14
Empress of Japan	Sept. 12	Sept. 15	Sept. 17	Sept. 19	Sept. 27
Empress of Asia	Sept. 25	Sept. 28	Oct. 1	Oct. 3	Oct. 12
Empress of Canada	Oct. 10	Oct. 13	Oct. 15	Oct. 17	Oct. 25
Empress of Russia	Oct. 23	Oct. 26	Oct. 29	Oct. 31	Nov. 9
Empress of Japan	Nov. 7	Nov. 10	Nov. 12	Nov. 14	Nov. 22

"Empress of Russia" and "Empress of Asia" call at Nagasaki.

### Empress of Asia

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### MANILA

5 p.m. FRIDAY, 24th July

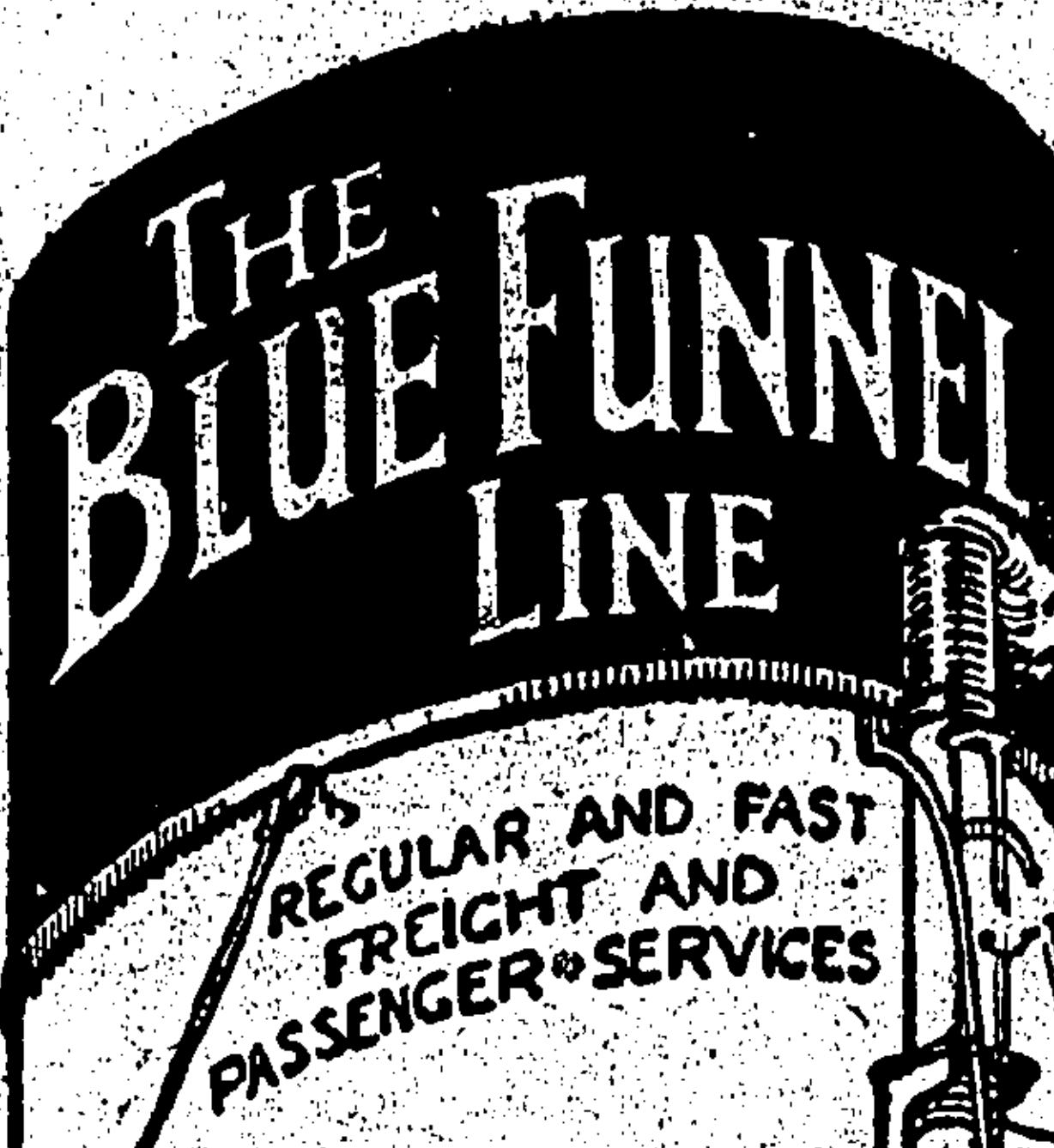
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"BHEXENOR" 7th Aug. For Boston, New York, and Baltimore via Philippines and Singapore.

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of a tramp to living in the same

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in love with the wife—Esther. Ras-

ton—I do NOT see where she is

beautiful—does the noble—still

the story does not matter. Do NOT

miss hearing Tibbett sing "Down

by the River Jordan." BOY I was

thrilled. Due shortly at the

Queen's.

"Lightnin'."

We all love Will Rogers. Now in

"Lightnin'" we shall see him in

the best Talkie he has given us. I

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father—George Cohan—as the love

interest. Director Henry King has

done splendid work with the story.

It has been transferred to the screen

without losing any of its sparkle.

Yes "Will Rogers" at its best

(provided he lets us hear every-

thing he says). Strongly advised.

(King's).

A little boy I have been noticing

for a long time among Hal Roach's

"Our Gang"—Jackie Cooper is the

star—in every sense of the word

—in "Skippy" now showing. In

this picture every scope is given

him to show how really clever he

is. It is not only a picture for the

young ones, I have never enjoyed

a play more—and I was not

which the English actor loves to

portray on the stage; you will roar

at the antics and absurd situations.

(Central).

Claudette Colbert and Fredric

March in "Honour Among Lovers."

In spite of the direction of Dorothy

Arzner, these two aided by a

splendid cast—Charles Ruggles,

Monroe Owsley and Ginger Rogers,

founder in a story that gets us

nowhere—BUT go and see how the

Wall Street man and the pretty

secretary with the added circum-

stance of a worthless embezzling

husband work out their salvation

—and—final fade-out of a cabin

for two, with a trip to the Riviera

—while husband is left to shift for

himself. If you care for this sort

of play, it's yours. (Central).

"Man of the World."

"Man of the World" with Wil-

liam Powell, who is becoming SO

suave, so sophisticated, that he

does not need to act these days—

he is merely himself—and the

"Fans" are raving about him. He

is shortly to marry the very lovely

woman acting opposite him—Carole

Lombard. Remember her as Joan

Peters?—She was in a horrible

motor accident about three years

ago; thanks to the skill of the

surgeon, the face was not marred.

Now she is a changed woman of the

world. First noticed in small

parts—then William fell in love at

first sight—gave her a VERY nice

helping hand on the ladder of

fame—and the girl who can act—

is doing very nicely, thank you.

What is more she does work that

is deserving of success. (King's).

Three nights of Charles Chaplin

in "City Lights."—If there is any-

one in this city who has not seen

this Movie with Sound—I advise a

visit to the Queen's. If already

seen once I think a second visit

will convince you it is among

Chaplin's best. (Queen's).

"Once A Sinner."

"Once A Sinner." Another ver-

sion of lady-with-past story. Old

sweetheart tries to help girl and

husband, things are rather tangled.

Dorothy McNeill who is incapable

of giving a bad performance will

please. Joel McCrea whom we also

see in "Lightnin'" helps to save

things. This Scottish-Irish lad who

used to be the favourite escort to

parties of the Swanson and Marion

Davies—is getting the breaks now.

Tall, good-looking; just the type

that appeals; hopes and expects to

go far in pictures. (Central).

Noticing some new names lately,

I remember Guy Kibbee in "Stolen

Heaven." He certainly stood out

in "City Street" as Pop. I see

he has been on the stage for thirty

years, then broke into Broadway

in "The Torch Song" which is now

transferred to the screen as "Com-

plete Surrender" with Joan Craw-

ford, and in which he plays his

original part to perfection. In big

request at the different studios.

Do not often fall hard for an actor,

but I think Clark Gable who re-

cently signed to M.G.M.—a hand-

some young man of twenty-nine,

whom I saw and liked immensely

in "Dance, Fools, Dance," will give

us super work IF given the parts.

By-the-by my beloved Joan is

reinstated in my affections since I

being given to an actress who

could not have played it—Joan

Bennett—we shall have the

pleasure of seeing Norma in the

great Norma Talmadge's old part,

and what is more, behaving herself!

"Waltz Dream," re-named

"Smiling Lieutenant," is being

done in French by the same three

leads—Chevalier, Colbert—and

Miriam Hopkins.

I am not surprised that there is

a clamour for Ina Claire. Miss

Shearer is crazy to play "Private

Lives," but M.G.M. truthfully think

only Miss Claire capable of hand-

ling the part. I hope Mrs. Thal-

berg has at least ONE disappoint-

ment in her life. Ina Claire will

also play in Anita Loos' newest

play on Broadway—"Cherries are

Ripe," which Vilma Banky has

played very badly so they say, on

the road. Nils Asther, a fine new

contract with M.G.M. Gloria Swa-

nson highly praised for work in

"Indiscreet," also John Barrymore

for marvellous work in "The

Mad Genius." They say that King

Vidor refused to direct the Garbo

in the newly named "Suan Lennox.

Her Fall and Rise," now being

done by Robert Leonard.

more careful. In taking that bus

ride through the streets of London,

just as we left Trafalgar Square

and Whitehall, I noticed St. Pauls,

and in another minute we were

passing through Piccadilly Circus.

In "Anna Christie" on the barge

going down the Hudson and in

"The Street of Chance" and

"Flight"—this process was carried

to perfection, but then they know

their location, and they do not



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ments I wish to give expression to my hope that the initial conversation which has just been held in Paris will be but a prelude to the series of similar meetings which will lead to a policy of Franco-German co-operation—the surest guarantee of security for the world.

Mr. Stimson, American State Secretary, referring to the Paris meeting of French and German Ministers, said that he was glad to express the appreciation of the historic consequences of the meeting in the direction of conciliation and resulting confidence. They felt that they had witnessed a great event and looked forward to its progress in effectiveness.

The German Chancellor, Dr. Brüning, wished to associate himself with M. Laval in hoping American delegates would take back with them from the conference a recognition of close interrelation of old and new worlds and of Europe's need for the moral support of the idealism of the American people.

Confident Co-operation.  
With regard to the Paris meeting with the French Ministers he said "I am firmly convinced that confident co-operation between our two countries is urgently necessary and must continue for the future because in our present situation where new developments occur almost daily it is of the utmost importance that statesmen should meet continuously and have intercourse with each other. It is only by confident co-operation that the situation can be improved."

Signor Grandi, for Italy, and M. Matsudaira, for Japan, having joined in the hopes expressed for the results of the conference, the British Prime Minister, Mr. MacDonald replied. He remarked how gratifying to all had been the Paris meeting between the French and Germans and referred to the growing understanding and co-operation with America. The economic and spiritual strands which were thrown across the frontiers were becoming more numerous and stronger until at last they would be able to think of humanity and not merely of divided nations. He hoped with all his heart that the conference decisions would re-establish German credit.

Interest in to-night's papers is about equally divided between decisions of the Seven Power Conference and the increase this morning of the Bank of England discount rate from 2½ to 3½ per cent., with a view to checking the recent heavy withdrawal of gold.

Short interviews with the delegates are published in which they express satisfaction at the successful conclusion of their labours. Some space is given to the postponed visit by the Prime Minister and the Foreign Secretary to Berlin, which will not take place until beginning of next week. It is realised that it is principally a courtesy visit in return for the Germans' week-end at Chequers. The Prime Minister will probably fly to Berlin on Monday.

In the course of a long statement on the result of the Seven Power Conference issued in London to-night, the American State Secretary Mr. Stimson expresses confidence that the measures recommended will allow peace which affected German financial position. He concludes "We believe it probable that

once confidence is restored it will be found that Germany will be able to recover her equilibrium on the basis of her own resources on which assistance will be readily available. But in any event we have provided machinery necessary to meet that situation however it may develop."—British Wireless Service.

Earlier News.

Rugby, Yesterday.  
The seven-Power conference concluded in London shortly after mid-day to-day. A communique was issued as follows:

"The recent excessive withdrawals of credit from Germany created an acute financial crisis. These withdrawals have been caused by lack of confidence, which was essentially justified by the economic and budgetary situation of the country. In order to restore the state of the finances of Germany which is essential in the interests of the whole world, the Governments represented at the conference are ready to co-operate, so far as lies within their power, to restore confidence. The Governments represented at the conference are ready to recommend for consideration of the financial institutions in their respective countries the following proposals for relieving the immediate situation:

That the Central Bank credit of G.\$100,000,000 recently granted to the Reichsbank under the auspices of the Bank for International Settlements be renewed at maturity for a period of three months.

That concerted measures should be taken by the financial institutions in different countries with a view to maintaining the volume of credits they have already extended to Germany.

The conference recommend that the Bank for International Settlements should be invited to set up, without delay, a committee of representatives nominated by the governors of the Central Banks interested, to inquire into the immediate further credit wants of Germany, and to study the possibilities of converting a portion of the short term credits into long term credits.

The conference noted with interest the communication from Doctor Brüning relative to the joint guarantee recently placed by German industry at the disposal of the discount bank. The conference are of opinion that a guarantee of this description is necessary to make it possible to provide a sound basis for the resumption of the normal operations of international credit.

The conference considers that if these measures are carried through, they will form the basis for more permanent action to follow."

The communique was signed by Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, as president of the conference, and Sir Maurice Hankey, as the secretary general.—British Wireless Service.

London, Yesterday.

The proceedings of the London Conference concluded in a friendly atmosphere. The German Chancellor and delegation later had luncheon with the French delegates at the German Embassy, and the guests remained until 3.30 p.m., views being exchanged for the purpose of laying the foundation of further collaboration.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald and Mr. Arthur Henderson will pay their return visit to Berlin at the beginning of next week.—Reuter.

New York, Yesterday.  
Disappointment at the meagre results of the London conference is reflected in the losses of one or

## THORBURN MYSTERY CASE.

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Nanking investigators finding the prisoner.

The question now is: "What has become of him?" In the circumstances it is not surprising that Britons—and also other foreigners resident in China—asking themselves what the Chinese authorities have to hide, are raising their voices in protest that a Government which repeatedly asserts its ability to protect foreigners in this country cannot clear up a mystery in respect to a solitary youth who disappeared on the railway between China's biggest port and the country's capital. Further, they are asking why a joint inquiry was not permitted if the Nanking Government did not suspect that the military at Soochow has something they very much wished to hide from the outside world.

Continue to Wait!

According to a telegram published to-day which the British Chamber of Commerce here received from London, the British Foreign Secretary is still awaiting the outcome of Sir Miles Lampson's representation for a commission of inquiry. If that is as far as London is prepared to go, we fear that Mr. Arthur Henderson will continue to wait. The local St. Andrew's Society did not mince matters when it wired to the British Premier earlier this week: It deplored "the ineffective policy of the Foreign Office" and called for strong, definite action. The majority of Britons will agree with their Scottish friends who decided to frame this telegram. It is demonstrated that the Consular officials and the representative of the Minister have done all in their power to rescue John Thorburn from his present plight. And although we may not all be prepared to go so far as our correspondent to-day who asserts that "the British lion acts like a rabbit," we all sympathize with the lady's emotion.

two points in the opening of the stock market.

United States Steel is down one and three-eighths, Westinghouse three quarters and General Motors three-eighths.—Reuter's American Service.

Berlin, Yesterday.

Among a flood of emergency decrees, one dated July 13 alters the coinage law of August, 1924. The latter established that only twenty marks of silver money could be minted per head of Germany's population. The new decree raises the limit to thirty marks, which means that silver coinage of a value of roughly 1,900,000,000 marks can be minted. The circulation of silver money on July 15 was 1,068,000,000 marks.

Whether the Reichsbank will use its authority to increase the silver circulation up to the new limit remains to be seen, but it can be regarded as certain that the Reichsbank will circulate silver money on an increasing extent.

The emergency decree hitherto has not affected the price of silver, as the Reichsbank has not yet made any demand for silver, having considerable supplies in reserve, and the price of silver compared with ten days ago is now actually quoted one mark lower per kilogramme.

Restrictions on holders of bank accounts have been slightly lightened by the issue of a new decree authorising the banks to pay out ten per cent. of the deposited sum (but not exceeding 200 marks) compared with five per cent. hitherto allowed.

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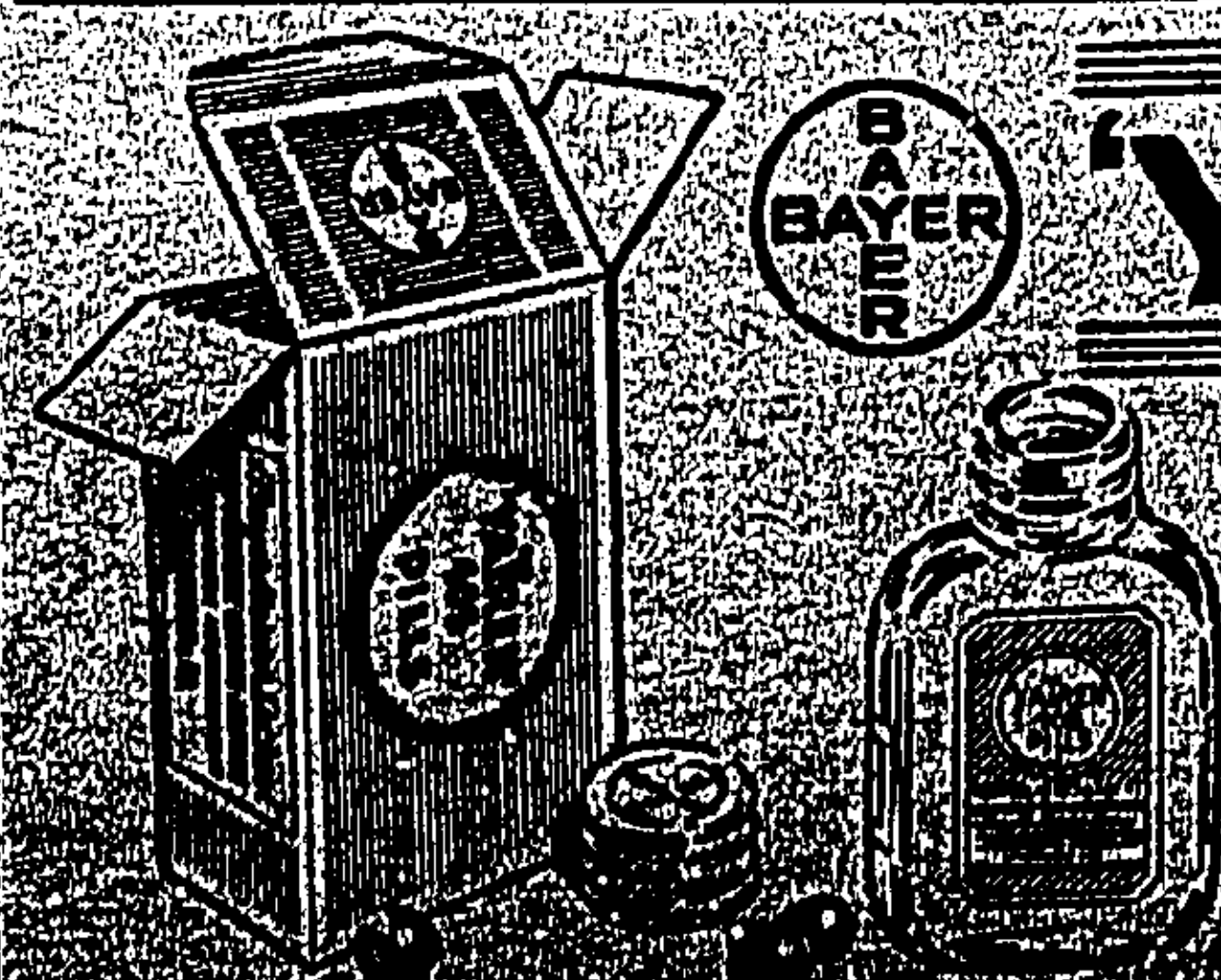


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